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WAR IN UKRAINE

Ukrainian forces put up fierce fight

Russia continues to move on Kyiv; new sanctions unveiled

By Yuras Karmanau, Jim Heintz, Vladimir Isachenkov and James LaPorta
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Ukrainian defense forces put up fierce resistance Saturday, slowing the advance of the larger and better-armed Russian military closing in on Kyiv, the capital. European nations and the U.S. rushed assistance to the country, including more ammunition and weapons, and announced another round of sanctions aimed at further isolating Russia from the global financial system.

Terrified people sought safety inside and underground, and the government maintained a 39-hour curfew to keep people off the streets. More than 150,000 Ukrainians fled for Poland, Moldova and other neighboring countries, and the United Nations warned the number could grow to 4 million if fighting escalates.

"We will fight for as long as needed to liberate our country," President Volodymyr Zelenskyy promised.

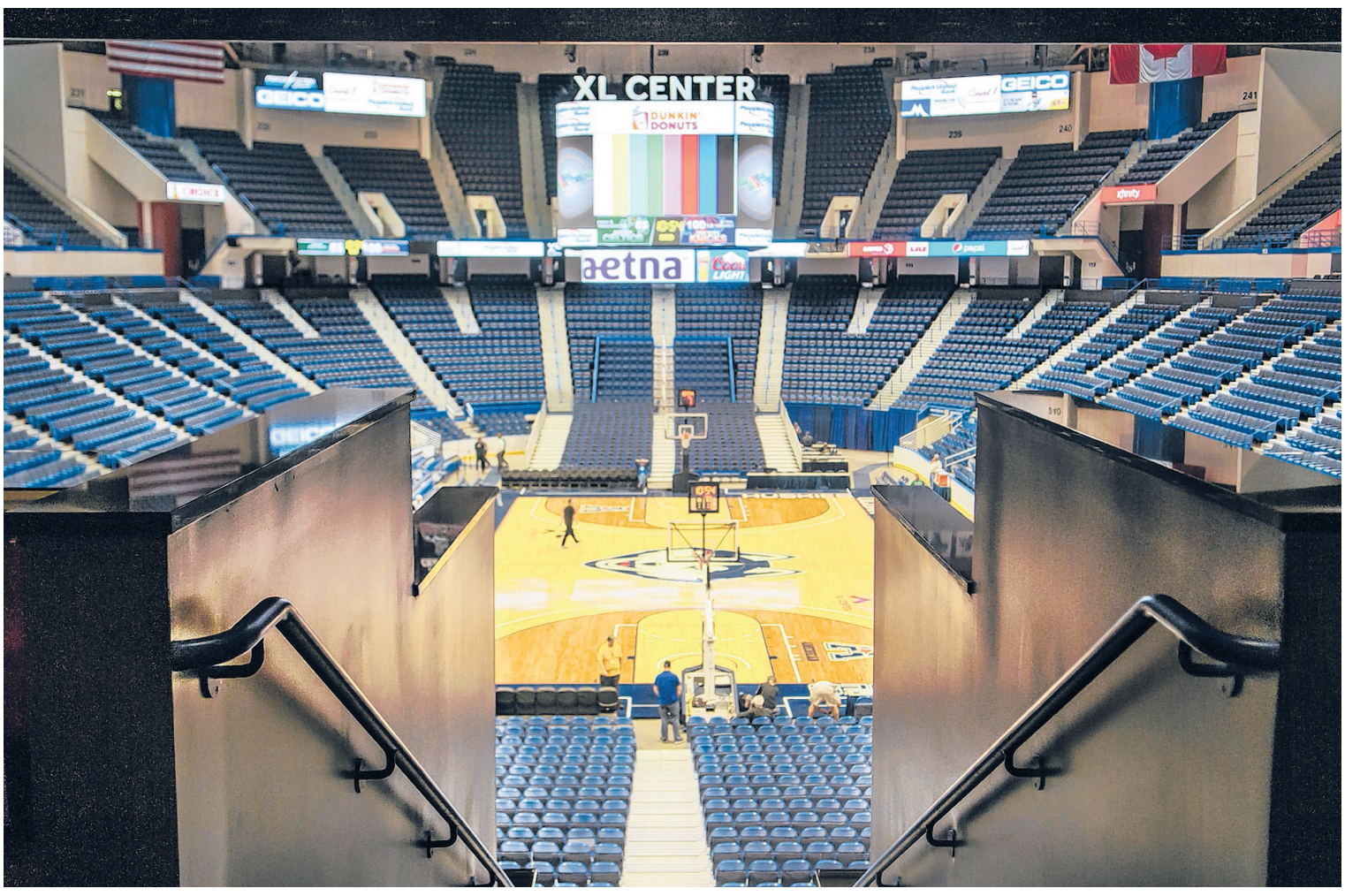
To aid Ukraine's ability to hold out, the U.S. pledged an additional $350 million in military assistance to Ukraine on Saturday, including anti-tank weapons, body armor and small arms. Germany said it would send missiles and anti-tank weapons to the besieged country and that it would close its airspace to Russian planes.

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A Ukrainian soldier walks near a burned military truck and other debris Saturday in Kyiv, Ukraine, as Russia continued closing in on the capital. **EFREM LUKATSKY/AP**



Two years ago, lawmakers approved $65 million for a major renovation of Hartford's XL Center. Gov. Ned Lamont has not brought the funding to the State Bond Commission because he wanted to see private investment in the project. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

XL Center renovation could get major boost

Private investor says it's 'very likely' to invest in long-elusive project

By Kenneth R. Gosselin | Hartford Courant

A break in a two-year logjam over using $65 million in state funds to finance a major renovation of downtown Hartford's XL Center could come this spring, as the arena's new management company seriously considers investing in the project.

Oak View Group, which manages 300 sports and entertainment venues globally and redevelops others, said it is "very likely" the Los Angeles-based company would invest in a renovation of the aging Hartford arena.

A financial commitment would bring private investment to the table sought by Gov. Ned Lamont as a way to ease the burden on state taxpayers.

"We're looking at this with an eye toward a

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A $100 million, downsized renovation plan for Hartford's aging XL Center eliminated a second concourse and would expand the existing one into the atrium off Trumbull Street, easing congestion. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

High-risk residents remain cautious

Pandemic 'still raging' for many who are immunocompromised

By Alex Putterman
Hartford Courant

For much of the winter, Heather Strandholt was on self-imposed virtual lockdown.

Strandholt went to work and to doctor's appointments but otherwise self-isolated as much as possible for fear of catching COVID-19. Even now, with Connecticut's latest coronavirus surge having eased, Strandholt still isn't comfortable in high-risk settings.

"I'm still extremely cautious with going out," said Strandholt, a 29-year-old Middletown resident with health issues that leave them particularly vulnerable to the virus. "I've kind of stuck to being as restricted as possible, just wanting to protect myself and people I care about."

This remains true even as Connecticut's COVID-19 numbers have improved sharply over the past six weeks, leading most towns and cities to repeal their masking requirements and many residents to resume activities they put off during parts of the pandemic.

But for many people most vulnerable to COVID-19 — whether due to age, chronic illness or other underlying conditions — returning to pre-pandemic life is more complicated. While others have returned to crowded bars and concerts, those at the highest risk have taken more modest steps toward normalcy.

"The current numbers for me and my lifestyle mean I'm comfortable scheduling my doctor's appointments again," said Kayle Hill, a disability-rights

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Senior day for UConn women

Christyn Willams, Olivia Nelson-Ododa, Evina Westbrook and Dorka Juhasz all will be honored on Senior Day as the UConn women play Providence on Sunday afternoon in their last regular-season home game. **SPORTS, PAGE 1**

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Panel backs abortion rights in state Constitution

Legislative proposal drawing early support from Democrats

By Daniela Altimari
Hartford Courant

A legislative committee on Friday endorsed a proposal to enshrine the right to abortion in the Connecticut Constitution.

The concept is in its earliest stages — the language of the proposed constitutional amendment has yet to be drafted — but it has already drawn support from Democrats and criticism from Republicans.

"Reproductive rights are under attack and disappearing across the country," said Sen. Mae Flexer, a Democrat from Killingly. "It is a scary time."

Flexer said she got the idea from Vermont, where lawmakers approved a constitutional amendment to guarantee access to legal abortion and contraception. The Vermont measure will come before voters at a referendum in November and is expected to pass: 70% of all Vermonters support abortion access, according to a Pew Research Center poll.

The amendments under consideration in Vermont and Connecticut are part of a movement to strengthen abortion access in blue states. The measures come as lawmakers in conservative states such as Arizona, Florida and West Virginia seek to place new limits on abortion.

Meanwhile the U.S. Supreme Court is expected to rule this summer on a Mississippi law that bans abortion after 15 weeks, a case that could weaken or overturn the landmark Roe v. Wade decision that has guaranteed legal abortion since 1973.

"Connecticut proudly has some of the strongest laws in the country to protect women's reproductive rights," said Flexer, co-chairwoman of the legislature's government administration and elections committee, which approved moving forward with the proposed amendment on a party-line vote.

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United Kingdom agreed to block "selected" Russian banks from the SWIFT global financial messaging system, which moves money around more than 11,000 banks and other financial institutions worldwide. They also agreed to impose "restrictive measures" on Russia's central bank.

The central bank restrictions target the more than $600 billion in reserves the Kremlin has, meant to limit Russia's ability to support the ruble amid tightening sanctions. They also will severely constrain Russia's ability to import and export goods.

It was unclear how much territory Russian forces have seized. Britain's Ministry of Defense said "the speed of the Russian advance has temporarily slowed likely as a result of acute logistical difficulties and strong Ukrainian resistance."

A senior U.S. defense official said more than half of the Russian combat power that was massed along Ukraine's borders had entered the country and Moscow has had to commit more fuel supply and other support units inside Ukraine than originally anticipated. The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss internal U.S. assessments, did not provide further details.



Demonstrators protest against the Russian invasion of Ukraine at Times Square in Manhattan on Saturday. **VICTOR J. BLUE/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

Even as Zelenskyy called on his countrymen to join the fight, it was impossible to know how effective Ukraine has been in slowing the Russian advance. A curfew in Kyiv set to last through Monday morning forced everyone inside, though the relative quiet of the capital was sporadically broken by gunfire.

Fighting on the city's outskirts suggested that small Russian units were trying to clear a path for the main forces. Small groups of Russian troops were reported inside Kyiv, but Britain and the U.S. said the bulk of Russian forces were 19 miles from the city's center as of Saturday afternoon.

Russia claims its assault on Ukraine is aimed only at military targets, but bridges, schools and residential neighborhoods have been hit since the invasion began Thursday.

Ukraine's health minister reported Saturday that 198 people, including three children, had been killed and more than 1,000 others had been wounded during Europe's largest land war since World War II. It was unclear whether those figures included both military and civilian casualties.

Zelenskyy reiterated his openness to talks with Russia in a video message Saturday, saying he welcomed an offer from the leaders of Turkey and Azerbaijan to organize diplomatic efforts, which so far have faltered.

The Kremlin gave a terse confirmation of a phone call between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev but gave no hint of restarting talks. A day earlier, Zelenskyy offered to negotiate a key Russian demand: abandoning ambitions of joining NATO.

The U.S. government urged Zelenskyy on Saturday to evacuate Kyiv but he turned down the offer, according to a senior U.S. American intelligence official with direct knowledge of the talks. Zelenskyy issued a defiant video recorded on a downtown Kyiv street early Saturday, saying he remained in the city.

"We aren't going to lay down weapons. We will protect the country," he said. "Our weapon is our truth, and our truth is that it's our land, our country, our children. And we will defend all of that."

The conflict has driven thousands of Ukrainians from their homes in search of safety. Refugees arriving in the Hungarian border town of Zahony said men between the ages of 18 and 60 were not being allowed to leave Ukraine.

"My son was not allowed to come. My heart is so sore, I'm shaking," said Vilma Sugar, 68.

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advocate and Waterbury resident who has rheumatoid arthritis and Ehlers-Danlos syndrome. "So you can see how the gauge is a little different."

Hill said she may let her guard down this summer if the numbers continue to improve. But for now, with the state's positivity rate above 3% and more than 100 people dying each week, she's not ready yet.

"I've pretty much resigned myself to living my life seasonally," Hill said. "Getting all of my appointments done when it's warmer out, not flu season."



Doris Maldonado of West Hartford, who has several conditions that leave her at high risk, said she and her family have returned to eating at restaurants "as long as they're not full" but still aren't going to large events. **DORIS MALDONADO/COURTESY**

'Still at risk'

Throughout the pandemic, many immunocompromised and otherwise high-risk residents have lobbied for stricter control measures, arguing for a statewide and society-wide approach that centers the most vulnerable. Others, including top elected officials, have countered with talk about personal responsibility, urging residents to decide for themselves their level of caution.

In Connecticut and elsewhere, the personal responsibility approach has largely won out, with few restrictions remaining in place.

"We should always take [high-risk] people into account, but the larger question is, do we reformat society to protect them?" Dr. Ulysses Wu, chief epidemiologist at Hartford HealthCare said.

But amid a general loosening of restrictions and attitudes, some wonder what will happen to those at the highest risk of COVID-19. Immunocompromised people — i.e. those whose immune system defenses are low, leaving them less able to fight off disease — are believed to make up about 3% of the national population, equating to more than 100,000 Connecticut residents.

Dr. Jaime Imitola, director of UConn Health's Multiple Sclerosis Center, said he worries that as many residents seek to put COVID-19 behind them, at least for now, his vulnerable patients may be forgotten.

"After almost two years of pandemic, people in many places are thinking about a future post-pandemic, and that's all well and good, but in reality there are segments of the population who are still at risk," Imitola said. "For my patients, the pandemic is still raging, and it will remain like that for a little bit of time."

Doris Maldonado, a 46-year-old West Hartford resident with several medical conditions that leave her at high risk, said she and her family have returned to eating at restaurants "as long as they're not full" but still aren't going to large events.

"We're maintaining every [precaution]," said Maldonado, who has lost several family members to COVID-19. "We go everywhere with masks. We wash our hands, and we have our sanitizer when we go anywhere."

Maldonado and her family are vaccinated and boosted, but that alone isn't enough to make her feel safe, she said.

"It's great that we have boosters and vaccines, but for the immunocompromised, it's not a cure," she said.

Maldonado said her family has occasionally gotten nasty looks or comments from people who don't understand why they're still wearing masks so diligently. Hill, meanwhile, said she frequently sees comments online that leave her wondering whether anyone cares about high-risk people at all.

"Sick and disabled people have been screaming for two years to be listened to, and some people do [listen], but a lot of people aren't," Hill said.

For anyone at particularly high risk from COVID-19, the future can seem murky. Experts say the disease is unlikely to go away entirely and could become a seasonal illness like the flu, resulting in a significant number of deaths each year.

And so Strandholt plans to keep wearing their mask and hoping COVID-19 won't find them.

"I would love to be able to relax a little bit and be able to go out and do things I used to enjoy," Strandholt said. "But at the same time, I don't see a future where at the very least, something as simple as masking will not be a thing."

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PLAY4 DAY
1 3 2 4 **WB:** 5

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FRIDAY'S LATE NUMBERS

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4 1 3 **WB:** 1

PLAY4 NIGHT
2 1 4 1 **WB:** 3

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6 12 18 30 33

LUCKY FOR LIFE
9 23 25 32 38 **LB:** 14

LOTTO
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Tuesday's est. Mega Millions jackpot: $102 million

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Trans Catholics get mixed reception in church

By David Crary
Associated Press

For transgender Catholics across the United States, retaining their faith can entail complex calculations. They face rebukes from some fellow Catholics, including many bishops, yet find full acceptance in some premises of the church.

A small but growing number of parishes have formed LGBTQ ministries or support groups and warmly welcome transgender people on their own terms. Yet within the past two years, at least six Catholic dioceses have issued guidelines targeting trans people with restrictions and refusing to recognize their gender identity.

"Many of our bishops are anti-science. ... They are cold and cruel," said Sister Luisa Derouen, a retired nun who has ministered to transgender people. "You can't respect people and deny their existence at the same time."

The latest policy targeting trans Catholics was issued by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee in January. It bars church personnel from using trans people's preferred pronouns that reflect their gender identity.

Objecting to trans-supportive "gender theory," the policy stipulates that "all interactions and policies, parishes, organizations and institutions are to recognize only a person's biological sex."

Among other measures, it says parishes, schools and other Catholic organizations in the archdiocese must require people to use bathrooms associated with their birth gender and adhere to dress codes on the same basis.

And a broader policy issued in July by the Diocese of Marquette, which encompasses Michigan's Upper Peninsula, said pastors should deny trans, gay and nonbinary Catholics the sacraments — such as baptism and Communion — "unless the person has repented." It was signed by Bishop John Doerfler.

But in some other parishes around the country, a different, more welcoming face of the church is on display.

Just a few weeks before the Marquette policy was issued, the Church of Our Lady of Grace in Hoboken, New Jersey, celebrated its annual Pride Mass in support of the LGBTQ community. Delivering part of the homily at the invitation of the priest, Alexander Santora, was Christine Zuba, a transgender woman from New Jersey.

"We are not disordered, confused or a fad," Zuba said, sharing with other worshippers the decadeslong journey that led her to come out six years earlier at age 58. "We are not trying to defy God, nor to play God."

"By staying visible, not only outside these walls but inside our churches, we change hearts and minds, one person at a time," she concluded. "Once in a while we may get thrown out, but if that happens, we're not going away. We're coming right back in."

Santora, a priest for 40 years, said the other worshippers rose and applauded.

"Our church was opened in 1878," Santora said. "I wanted Christine to be on that pulpit."

A lifelong Catholic, Zuba said she knew from age 4 that she was different. When she finally decided to come out five decades later, she was grateful that a nearby parish, Saints Peter and Paul in Turnersville, New Jersey, welcomed her. She serves there as a eucharistic minister.

Yet she knows that much of the Catholic hierarchy, including the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, rejects the concept of gender transition.

"These bishops and priests don't understand that when they turn someone away, they're losing parents, children, groups of friends who say this is not the church we want to belong to," Zuba said.

Lynn Discenza, a 64-year-old transgender woman, grew up in a churchgoing Italian American family in West Hartford and gave seminary a try before pursuing a career in aerospace design.

She considers herself fortunate, after transitioning two years ago, to be part of a welcoming Catholic church in the area — Saint Patrick-Saint Anthony Church in Hartford. She is a co-leader of its LGBTQ ministry.

Particularly moving, Discenza said, was a Nov. 21 observance marking the annual Transgender Day of Remembrance, which commemorates people killed due to anti-trans violence. She thanked the other worshippers for their support, and they responded with applause.

The pastor, Timothy Shreenan, highlighted the commemoration in the church bulletin.

"We must always stand up against hatred in all its forms and not allow others' fears (or phobias) to be a reason for hatred," he wrote. "Rather, we must continue to learn more about the experience of others and to become more tolerant and accepting of one another."

Discenza hopes that grassroots activism on behalf of greater inclusivity will accelerate as more parishes add LGBTQ ministries.

"The change is going to come from the ground up, and some of the old bishops will die away," she said.

For young transgender Catholics, the conflicting approaches of individual churches and clergy can pose challenges to both them and their parents.

Eli Musselman of Philadelphia, who turns 19 in March and came out as transgender almost four years ago, said he felt a strong connection with his faith as a boy, and many of his friends supported him.

But the pastor of the family's longtime parish declined to refer to him with masculine pronouns and he had anxiety attacks in church due to some parishioners' "nasty looks," prompting the family to switch to a parish that made them feel at home.

"A place that had once been a safe haven for me had become a place of dangers," said Musselman, now a freshman at the Jesuit-run St. Joseph's University, where students and most professors, with one hurtful exception, have been supportive.

"But since coming out," he added, "my spirituality has grown. ... I feel whole for the first time in my life."

"I lost some really good friends," said his mother, JoEllen Musselman. "I felt I was constantly making apologies to people, and I got tired of that."

After embracing Catholicism as a convert after her marriage, she now has mixed feelings. Though determined to remain active in the church and advocate for greater inclusivity, she remains skeptical about the topmost Catholic leaders."They're flawed," she said. "If it wasn't for Christ, the church would collapse, because we humans screw everything up."

At the highest level of Catholic leadership, Pope Francis' position can best be described as two-sided.

On one hand, he has personally ministered to trans Catholics, receiving them in the Vatican and encountering them as an archbishop in Argentina, and he has said the Catholic Church must accompany them.

However, he has repeatedly denounced "gender theory" and what he calls the "ideological colonization" in some schools that teaches children they can change their biological sex at will.

Francis spoke at length on the issue during a 2016 press conference, stressing the need to avoid "gender ideology" but reasserting the need to minister to trans Catholics. "But please don't say 'The pope sanctifies trans!' Please!"

Luisa Derouen, the retired nun who has ministered to more than 250 transgender people since 1999, received permission from her superiors in 2014 to write about that work. But that was on condition she not identify herself or her congregation, the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

She did so under a pseudonym, which she ultimately abandoned in 2018 to publicly speak out on behalf of trans people and "give witness to their dignity and worth as human beings."

In a recent interview, Derouen said friction over transgender inclusion is likely to intensify.

"There has never been a time in the American church when Catholic hierarchy has had less moral credibility," she said. "The people in the pews are taking responsibility for doing their own homework and recognizing that we are all God's people."

Michael Sennett, a 26-year-old transgender man, sees that happening at the Church of St. Ignatius of Loyola in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts, where he is communications director.

The unwelcoming attitude of some bishops discourages him, but he's heartened by advances, including the formation of a support group called LGBTQ+ Catholics.

"Overall I marvel at the progress," Sennett said. "People are speaking up as never before, joining forces. ... The laity is finding more power."

Associated Press correspondent Nicole Winfield in Rome contributed to this report.

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public-private partnership," Peter Luukko, chairman of OVG Facilities, said. "We're more than willing to put our own funds into this renovation."

Luukko said OVG has not yet determined how much it would invest because a study of the scope of renovations must be updated. Details of a partnership with the state also would have to be negotiated, Luukko said.

"We believe the facility has the bones," Luukko said. "It's dated, and if we could restore it, it could become an incredibly active facility as it was many years ago."

Luukko said OVG is involved with the redevelopment of an even older arena in Baltimore and another just outside of Toronto.

Michael W. Freimuth, executive director of the Capital Region Development Authority, which oversees the XL Center's operations, said an OVG commitment would be a major step forward, after two years that included shutdowns during the pandemic.

"It's someone saying they are willing to invest in the building, too," Freimuth said.



A sports betting venue could open at Hartford's XL Center this fall, in time for the thick of the football season. A rendering shows how the 4,000-square-foot venue might look. **SCI ARCHITECTS/COURTESY**

The long debate

The future of the 47-year-old arena in the heart of downtown Hartford has been debated for more than a decade.

Supporters say it is a vital amenity for fostering downtown's revitalization and its ecosystem of restaurants and bars. The XL Center, they say, is an attraction for the region. Critics argue the state should not keep pouring money into a venue that historically has lost money, typically $2 million a year.

A $250 million plan for a massive, top-to-bottom makeover failed to gain traction with legislators. Two years ago, the vision was slimmed down to $100 million. CRDA argues a major renovation is needed to put the arena on the path to profitability and keep it competitive in the industry.

Pressure to move forward with some plan flared up in recent weeks, as the University of Connecticut negotiates what is expected to be a one-year lease extension at the XL Center arena. UConn men's and women's basketball and men's ice hockey play roughly 30 games a year.

Some local sports pundits argued a decision about an XL renovation should be made or it would be better for UConn to play in Storrs.

In a statement, UConn said it hoped to reach an agreement that is beneficial to both sides for playing in downtown Hartford.

"It is obvious that the XL Center is overdue for a major renovation," the statement said. "Tuesday's game against Villanova displayed that building can provide a fantastic atmosphere, but many of the off-campus venues our peers are competing in are NBA or NBA-level facilities."

"Our basketball programs deserved to be housed in facilities that are considered among the best in the Big East," the statement said.

UConn said it is obviously more convenient for its students to watch games on campus — Gampel Pavilion for basketball — and are key supporters and create a "high-energy environment on game day.

But UConn also said students are just one part of the equation.

"The XL Center provides a more convenient commute to many of our fans from around the state simply by the nature of its centralized location than campus," the statement said. "That convenience, along with the building's capacity, translates into larger crowds being able to watch the Huskies in action."

OVG's Luukko said UConn playing at the XL Center — and the fact that UConn sports are so ingrained is the state's culture — plus having the AHL's Wolf Pack was an extremely strong base to build on.

Public-private partnership

The $65 million approved by the legislature is key to the $100 million renovation and was supported by Lamont. But Lamont said the funding — raised through the sale of bonds — was contingent on private investment.

"The governor always prefers public-private partnerships when available and this is no exception," Max Reiss, a Lamont spokesman, said in a text.

The last major renovation of the XL Center was in 2014, at a state taxpayer-cost of $35 million. The project added a fan club and loge premium seating, and made improvements to the concourse and restrooms.

The work was intended to carry the arena through perhaps a decade or so until the decision was made to either do something bigger so the XL Center would remain competitive or let it wind down.

The $65 million would come on top of $40 million bonded in 2017 for repairs and to attract a private investor or buyer, which drew little interest. The funds in 2017 also were intended for purchasing the privately owned atrium off Trumbull Street to expand the concourse.

About half of the $40 million has been spent replacing the arena floor, installing a new ice rink and ice-making system and repairing elevators and escalators, work that couldn't wait for a larger renovation.

CRDA plans more improvements this summer that could dovetail with a larger renovation. Those include the addition of a sportsbook, expanded locker rooms and replacement of retractable seating.

Overall, the $100 million plan focuses on the lower half of the arena, adding more premium seating and concessions, all intended to bring in more revenue, Freimuth has said.

OVG took over management of the XL Center about six months ago after acquiring Spectra, the previous manager. OVG kept local personnel in place who have knowledge of the market, Luukko said.

Luukko said he also spent large parts of his career in Connecticut — parts of it involved with the XL Center, formerly the Hartford Civic Center — and resides 35 miles away in Essex.

"We've got a head start because we know the market and the arena itself," Luukko said.

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But, she added, "we have seen in other states how quickly laws can change."

Opponents of legalized abortion vowed to fight the measure.

"The extreme abortionist lobby realizes they are losing public support for their arguments that the taking of innocent life is acceptable and must be enshrined in a sacred document," said Christopher C. Healy of the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference, which lobbies on behalf of the Roman Catholic bishops.

"A vigorous, long-overdue debate on what preserving every second of life will finally provide all people the chance to be heard on an issue of unparalleled moral importance."

Amending the state Constitution is, by design, a cumbersome process. It requires the legislature to pass a proposed amendment by either a three-quarters majority of both chambers or by a simple majority in both chambers over the course of two successive legislative terms. Then the measure must be ratified by voters at a referendum.

"I think amending the constitution is a big deal," said Rep. Gale Mastrofrancesco of Wolcott, the ranking Republican on the committee.

"I'm not a fan of making changes to the constitution for policy decisions unless they're of great magnitude," said Sen. Rob Sampson, R-Wolcott. "I do believe the legislature has historically determined what our policy for medical procedures and abortions is."

Despite a no vote from every Republican, the committee voted to move forward with the proposed amendment. A public hearing will likely be held within the next month.

Advocates for legalized abortion praised the proposal.

"We are seeing abortion come under constant attack across the country, and we know the legal right to abortion alone doesn't guarantee access," said Gretchen Raffa, vice president of public policy, advocacy and organizing for Planned Parenthood Votes! Connecticut. "The fight continues until every person can access abortion in our state."

Even though the state's abortion laws are among the nation's strongest, there are barriers to abortion access for poor women, undocumented immigrants and women who are incarcerated, said Liz Gustafson, director of Pro-Choice Connecticut.

"It's critical that we have the right to abortion, but as we've seen the legal right doesn't guarantee our communities have real access to it," she said.

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Biden's speech to arrive amid crises

Unmet promises and new strife ahead of State of the Union

By Chris Megerian
Associated Press



President Joe Biden has repeatedly needed to recalibrate his ambitions during the past year. **CAROLYN KASTER/AP**

WASHINGTON — The last time President Joe Biden addressed a joint session of Congress, he said the country was "ready for takeoff" after a period of plague and strife.

It's been a more turbulent flight than expected.

Biden is scheduled to deliver his first State of the Union speech on Tuesday night at a moment when he has struggled to deliver on many of his original promises and as he is being forced to confront new crises.

The gap between the two major speeches — the first one was last April — is the story of a presidency that has repeatedly needed to recalibrate its ambitions.

Although Biden reached a bipartisan deal on an infrastructure plan, many of his other proposals have been jettisoned or left languishing with no clear path to becoming reality. He followed through on his pledge to remove U.S. forces from Afghanistan, but the chaotic withdrawal left the Taliban in control and a looming humanitarian disaster.

Meanwhile the coronavirus evolved into new, more contagious variants that increased the pandemic's death toll despite the widespread availability of vaccines.

And most recently, Russian President Vladimir Putin has expanded his invasion of Ukraine, plunging Europe into war and hijacking Biden's foreign policy agenda.

"These speeches go through many, many drafts," said Michael Waldman, president of the Brennan Center for Justice and a former chief speechwriter for President Bill Clinton. "And I would bet they're starting some new drafts right now."

He added: "Two weeks ago the speechwriters probably thought they knew what was in the speech. Vladimir Putin had other ideas."

Traditionally, State of the Union speeches focus on domestic issues. But Waldman said this one is a chance for Biden to outline the stakes of the crisis in Ukraine, especially as Americans remain wary of becoming involved in foreign conflicts and worry that economic ripple effects could drive up gas prices.

"This is a really important opportunity for the president to talk about Russia's appalling attack and to put it in the context of why it matters," Waldman said.

Biden is preparing his speech during one of the most consequential stretches of his presidency. In addition to the expanding invasion of Ukraine, on Friday he announced Ketanji Brown Jackson as his nominee for the Supreme Court seat being vacated by retiring Justice Stephen Breyer.

Jackson, a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, would be the first Black woman to serve on the nation's highest court if she is confirmed by the Senate. The nomination kicks off a closely watched process in the Senate.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also released looser guidelines for when Americans should wear masks to limit the spread of the coronavirus. Instead of focusing on caseloads, which are harder to control because of the more transmissible omicron variant, the agency is setting benchmarks based on hospitalizations, a sign that it is shifting to a new phase of the pandemic where the virus is viewed as a more manageable threat.

Michael Beschloss, a presidential historian, said that for Biden, the State of the Union speech is "going to be one of the largest audiences he has, and it happens at the confluence of historic moments."

"It's one rare opportunity for a president to lift his voice above the noise," Beschloss said. "He doesn't have very many of those opportunities."

Making fresh promises to American voters could be difficult when so many of Biden's initial proposals have stalled. Some ideas were outright abandoned, such as free community college.

Others became mired in negotiations over the president's legislative agenda, known as "Build Back Better," when Senate Democrats were unable to reach a consensus on the plan. Limits on the cost of prescription drugs, financial incentives for fighting climate change and free preschool are among the stranded proposals.

Biden has also failed to make progress on protecting voting rights, an effort he has described as central to protecting democracy. Republicans continue to pass laws at the state level to restrict ballot access, and former President Donald Trump has refused to abandon his baseless crusade to convince Americans that the last election was fraudulent.

Sometimes presidents have used speeches to Congress to rebound after difficult periods, such as President John F. Kennedy in 1961.

Days after taking office, he outlined his goals in a major speech. But within months, his administration was embarrassed by the botched Bay of Pigs invasion in Cuba, and Americans were discouraged by the Soviet Union's successful mission to send a cosmonaut into orbit.

So Kennedy swiftly returned to Congress to deliver another speech, where he famously pledged to put a man on the moon.

"That was a very specific effort to turn the page," Beschloss said.

He said Kennedy hoped "it would give a second wind to his administration, which it did."

Reaction to new guidance on masks in US is mixed

CDC still urges use in areas where risk of COVID-19 is high

By Don Babwin and Tammy Webber
Associated Press



Kindergarten teacher Karen Drolet works with a student on Feb. 9 at Raices Dual Language Academy, a public school in Central Falls, Rhode Island. **DAVID GOLDMAN/AP**

CHICAGO — Grace Thomas is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 but still not ready to take off her mask, especially around the kids at the home day care she runs in Chicago.

But whether the children continue to wear masks remains to be seen after the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that healthy people in most areas of the country can safely stop wearing masks as cases continue to fall.

Thomas, 62, plans to ask parents to have their children wear masks to prevent the day care from being a potential source of transmission, but "you can't make them wear masks if they don't want to," she said.

Many Americans, including parents of schoolchildren, have been clamoring for an end to masking while others remain wary that the pandemic could throw a new curveball. Now, states, cities and school districts are assessing Friday's guidance to determine whether it's safe to stop mask-wearing — long after others threw out such mandates and many Americans ignored them.

Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker said that the statewide school mask mandate will be lifted Monday in response to the new guidance, although Chicago Public Schools officials said they will continue to require masks "to maintain health and safety measures."

Los Angeles on Friday began allowing those vaccinated to remove masks indoors, and Washington, D.C., had already said it would end its mask mandate on Monday. Washington state and Oregon plan to lift indoor mask mandates in late March.

But the issue still remains politically fraught: Florida's Gov. Ron DeSantis on Thursday announced new recommendations called "Buck the CDC" that discourage mask wearing — even though the CDC says the state still has wide areas at high levels of concern.

Christine Bruhn, 79, a retired food science professor at the University of California, Davis, said she'll only take off her mask if she thinks it's safe, usually around vaccinated friends.

When she's around a large group of strangers, "I'm wearing a mask," Bruhn said.

"I have been vaccinated and boosted, but I don't want to get sick," said Bruhn, who also said she'll continue crossing the street to keep her distance from people without masks.

American Medical Association President Gerald Harmon said Friday that he would continue to wear a mask in indoor public settings and urged "all Americans to consider doing the same" because millions are susceptible to severe illness or too young to be vaccinated.

Still, many people appear to be done with masking.

Steve Kelly, a manager of Kilroy's Bar & Grill in downtown Indianapolis, said it seems that neither employees nor customers think much about COVID-19 since Indiana lifted a mask mandate for restaurants.

"It doesn't seem like anybody is wearing masks," he said of his customers, though a few employees still do. And he said people rarely get upset anymore.

"My daughter is 13 and she wears a mask. It's her choice," he said. "Nobody bothers her about it, and she wouldn't care if they did."

In Illinois' Effingham County, mask-wearing — and the animosity between those who do and don't — has fallen, said David Campbell, vice chairman of the county board. He said the only places he sees people wearing masks are hospitals and doctors' offices.

"Eighty-five to 90 percent of the people you see on the street, in stores, restaurants, aren't wearing them," said Campbell, 61.

Under the new guidance, the CDC says people can stop wearing masks if they live in counties where the coronavirus poses a low or medium threat to hospitals — accounting for more than 70% of the U.S. population.

The agency still advises people, including schoolchildren, to wear masks where the risk of COVID-19 is high, in about 37% of U.S. counties, where about 28% of Americans live.

And those with COVID-19 symptoms or who test positive should wear masks, the agency said.

The recommendations do not change the requirement to wear masks on public transportation and in airports, train stations and bus stations, but the guidelines for other indoor spaces aren't binding, meaning cities and institutions may set their own rules.

Two of the nation's largest teachers unions weighed in, with American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten calling the guidance "long-needed new metrics for a safe off-ramp from universal masking." But National Education Association President Becky Pringle urged school districts to "act cautiously" and seek input from local educators before making any decisions to end mask-wearing.



New studies point to a wholesale market in Wuhan, China, for origins of the pandemic. **GILLES SABRIE/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

New studies: Pandemic's origin in Wuhan market

By Carl Zimmer and Benjamin Mueller
The New York Times

Scientists released a pair of extensive studies on Saturday that point to a market in Wuhan, China, as the origin of the coronavirus pandemic.

The two reports, totaling about 150 pages, have not yet been published in a scientific journal.

The researchers analyzed data from a range of sources to look for clues to how the pandemic arose.

The researchers ultimately concluded that the coronavirus was present in live mammals sold in the Huanan Seafood Wholesale Market in late 2019.

The research suggests that the virus likely twice spilled over into people working or shopping at the market.

The researchers said they found no support for an alternate hypothesis that the coronavirus escaped from a lab in Wuhan.

"When you look at all of the evidence together, it's an extraordinarily clear picture that the pandemic started at the Huanan market," said Michael Worobey, an evolutionary biologist at the University of Arizona and a co-author of both studies.

The authors of the new study include researchers who previously published smaller reports that had pointed toward a similar conclusion, but based on much less detail.

Many of the first cases of COVID-19 clustered around the Huanan market. By the end of December 2019, hospitals in Wuhan had found dozens of cases of viral pneumonia.

The market was closed on Jan. 1, 2020, the same day that hundreds of thousands of people left Wuhan to travel back to their hometowns for the Lunar New Year.

Millions more people left the city in January, seeding local outbreaks across China.

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NEWS BRIEFING

8 bodies recovered from Greece ferry fire as search continues

From news services

ATHENS, Greece — Rescuers exploring the charred hull of a passenger ferry that caught fire off the Greek island of Corfu this month have recovered eight bodies and were searching Saturday for another three, Greek authorities have said.

A total of 281 people were rescued from the Italian-owned Euroferry Olympia after the fire broke out early on Feb. 18, a few hours after the vessel left the northwestern Greek port of Igoumenitsa, bound for Brindisi, Italy.

Most of those aboard the ferry were rescued by the Greek Coast Guard, aided by Italian authorities, in the first few hours after the fire broke out. Another two passengers were rescued by helicopter later in the day, and a third managed to reach the deck after being trapped in the vessel's bottom-level garage for more than 50 hours.

"The search is continuing," said Nikolaos Alexiou, a spokesperson for the Greek Coast Guard.

The stricken ferry was towed Wednesday to the large port of Astakos, in western Greece, where search efforts intensified, according to a spokesperson for Greece's fire service, Vassilis Vathrakoyiannis.

The spokeperson said it was difficult to say exactly when the fire was extinguished and that high temperatures exceeding 1,100 degrees Fahrenheit had remained an obstacle during much of the work.

"Those hot spots can reignite the fire at any moment," Vathrakoyiannis said.

Videos posted by Greek news websites this past week showed the devastation caused by the blaze, with Greek fire service rescuers walking through the charred remains of trucks amid plumes of thick black smoke.

On Feb. 20, members of the Greek fire service's special disaster unit found the body of a Greek man in the cabin of a truck in one of the ferry's three garages. Another body was found Wednesday and six more Thursday and Friday.

New trial ordered: A Tennessee woman sentenced to prison for illegally registering to vote while on probation will get a new trial on that charge.

Shelby County Criminal Court Judge Mark Ward on Friday granted a motion for the new trial for Pamela Moses, according to media reports.

Moses, 44, was convicted in November of registering to vote illegally in Memphis in 2019 and was sentenced this month to six years and one day. She has said she was unaware that she was ineligible to vote.

Moses had previous felony convictions that permanently barred her from voting. In 2015, she pleaded guilty to two felonies as well as three misdemeanors and was placed on probation for seven years.

She filed a motion asking for a new trial. Legal experts have called her sentence excessive.

Moses, a Black Lives Matter activist who ran for Memphis mayor in 2019, said she thought her probation from a 2015 guilty plea had ended, and that she could begin working to restore her voting rights, the Daily Memphian reported.

Moses said the Tennessee Department of Correction gave her a certificate saying her probation had ended, but then rescinded the certificate, the online newspaper reported.

Prosecutors said in a release that Moses' sentence was overturned and a new trial ordered because the "Tennessee Department of Correction failed to turn over a necessary document in the case."



Party on: Musicians perform during an unofficial Carnival block party, known as "blocos," on Saturday in Rio de Janeiro. City officials banned the tightly packed street parties attended by those who cannot or don't want to buy expensive tickets for the official Carnival parade. Carnival has been pushed back to April due to the pandemic. SILVIA IZQUIERDO/AP

Indonesia earthquake: Searchers in Indonesia continued to dig in the rubble of collapsed buildings and mud from landslides for more victims Saturday, a day after a strong earthquake shook Sumatra island, killing eight people, injuring 86 and leaving thousands displaced.

At least five people were killed in Pasaman district and three people died in the neighboring district of West Pasaman, the National Disaster Mitigation Agency said.

Rescuers were still searching for six villagers believed to be buried under tons of mud that tumbled down from the surrounding hills triggered by the quake.

The magnitude 6.2 earthquake struck 41 miles north-northwest of Bukittinggi, a hilly town in West Sumatra province, causing panic on some parts of the island on Friday. It was centered about 7 ½ miles below the Earth's surface and people in neighboring Malaysia and Singapore also felt the tremors.

At least 435 houses and buildings were damaged and more than 6,000 people fled their homes to temporary shelters, mostly in devastated areas of Pasaman and West Pasaman districts, the closest areas to the epicenter, agency spokesperson Abdul Muhari said in a statement.

Las Vegas mass shooting: Fourteen people were shot before dawn Saturday at a hookah parlor and police said one man died and that two of those hit by gunfire suffered critical injuries.

The shooting happened at about 3:15 a.m. and preliminary information indicated there was a party during which two people got into an altercation and exchanged gunfire, striking multiple people, said police Capt. Dori Koren.

Koren told reporters no arrests have been made and no suspect descriptions were immediately available but that authorities did not believe there was any danger to the general public.

Hookahs are water pipes used to smoke specially made flavored tobacco.

Germany bus crash: A tourist bus headed for the Austrian Alps crashed on a local highway in Upper Bavaria on Saturday, injuring 43 of the 61 people on board.

Around 7:30 a.m., the double-decker bus veered off the road and crashed near the town of Inzell in the Traunstein district of Bavaria, according to Bavarian police. No other vehicles were involved in the crash.

Police said seven people sustained serious injuries, while 36 others, including the driver, had less serious injuries.

The bus was traveling from the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia to the Austrian ski resort of Kaprun, police said.

CNN leadership: Chris Licht, a veteran television producer who helped create "Morning Joe" at MSNBC and later successfully retooled morning and late-night programming at CBS, is set to be the next leader of CNN, according to three people with direct knowledge of the decision.

Licht, 50, the executive producer of "Late Show with Stephen Colbert," is poised to succeed Jeff Zucker, the CNN president whose nine-year tenure abruptly ended this month when he resigned over an undisclosed romantic relationship with a colleague.

Licht is expected to join the network once its parent company, WarnerMedia, completes a merger with Discovery Inc., a deal that could close by April.

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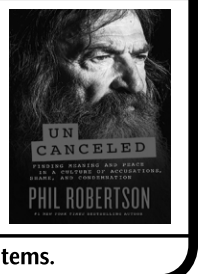
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Election experts fear insider threats

Wave of candidates who parrot Trump raises voting alarms

By Christina A. Cassidy
Associated Press



Mesa County Clerk Tina Peters reads an update on an election in Colorado. A grand jury is investigating whether Peters facilitated a security breach of election equipment. **MCKENZIE LANGE/THE GRAND JUNCTION DAILY SENTINEL 2020**

Election officials preparing for this year's midterms have another security concern to add to an already long list that includes death threats, disinformation, ransomware and cyberattacks — threats from within.

In a handful of states, authorities are investigating whether local officials directed or aided in suspected security breaches at their own election offices. At least some have expressed doubt about the 2020 presidential election, and information gleaned from the breaches has surfaced in conspiracy theories pushed by allies of Republican former President Donald Trump.

Adding to the concern is a wave of candidates for state and local election offices this year who parrot Trump's false claims about his loss to Democrat Joe Biden.

"Putting them in positions of authority over elections is akin to putting arsonists in charge of a fire department," said Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, a Democrat and former law school dean who serves as Michigan's top elections official.

Experts say insider threats have always been a concern. But previously, the focus was mostly on what a volunteer poll worker or part-time employee could do to a polling place or county system, said Ryan Macias, who advises officials at the federal, state and local levels on election security. Now the potential harm extends to the very foundation of democracy — conducting fair elections.

"Since 2020, the coordinated efforts to have threat actors run for office, apply to be election officials and volunteer as a poll worker or observer should be treated as national security concerns," Macias said.

The potential risks posed by insider attacks run from granting unauthorized access to sensitive information to planting malware within election systems.

While insider threats are the hardest to guard against, Macias said measures are in place to recover from an attack.

Most of the country relies on paper ballots filled out by hand or with the use of a voting machine, so there should be a paper record of each ballot cast. In addition, post-election checks are designed to identify potential manipulation or discrepancies in the vote.

This year, voters in 25 states will elect their state's chief election official, and several races feature candidates who dispute the outcome of the 2020 presidential contest despite no evidence of widespread fraud or a coordinated scheme to steal the election.

Some voters also will decide who will run their local elections as the next county clerk. It's these local election offices that have experienced security breaches.

In Mesa County, Colorado, authorities are investigating whether unauthorized people were granted access to county voting equipment.

State officials began investigating after the county's voting system passwords appeared on a conservative website. Because each county has unique passwords maintained by the state, officials identified them as belonging to Mesa County, where Trump won nearly 63% of the vote.

Clerk Tina Peters — a Republican elected in 2018 — then appeared at a "cybersymposium" hosted by Trump ally Mike Lindell, the MyPillow CEO who has sought to prove that voting systems were somehow manipulated to favor Democrats.

At that event a copy of Mesa County's election management system — which is used for designing ballots, configuring voting machines and tallying results — was distributed.

Experts have described the unauthorized release as serious, potentially providing a "practice environment" to probe for vulnerabilities.

Peters said she made the copy of a county voting system hard drive to preserve "the evidence of how you get to the result of an election, who came in, who made changes, who did what."

She denied knowledge of how a copy came to be distributed at the Lindell event and would not say who was with her when the copy was made.

"I didn't go in to try to address some conspiracy theory," Peters said. "It's just my responsibility to protect, and solely my responsibility to protect election records."

A grand jury in Mesa County is reviewing the case.

Meanwhile, Peters has announced plans to run for secretary of state, overseeing elections for Colorado.

Elsewhere in Colorado, state officials are investigating after the election clerk in Elbert County, southeast of Denver, indicated he made two copies of a voting system hard drive last summer.

An attorney for Dallas Schroeder said in a written response to the state that Schroeder believes he had a "statutory duty to preserve election records" and was concerned that a visit by state officials to prepare for the 2021 elections "might erase or alter electronic records of the November 2020 election."

There has been no indication of widespread fraud or other major irregularities following the 2020 election in Colorado or elsewhere.

In Ohio, federal and state authorities are investigating after network data purportedly from the Lake County Board of Elections in suburban Cleveland was made available online along with other data by people seeking to show the 2020 election was somehow manipulated.

A state analysis determined the data wasn't from the Board of Elections at all, but rather a network that runs other county business.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose, a former Republican state lawmaker who serves as Ohio's chief election official, said it showed only "innocuous traffic," such as between a county computer and a printer, but was used to suggest something nefarious.

"They grabbed that and they said, 'Oh, look, here's evidence,' " LaRose said. "It was evidence of nothing, and they were nowhere close to the Board of Elections."

In Michigan, the secretary of state's office recently announced a potential security breach at an election office in Roscommon County, in the rural northern part of the state, where someone is suspected of gaining unauthorized access to voting systems.

State authorities are investigating.

Experts said these types of security breaches have been few and most election officials are experienced, neutral professionals who follow the rules and want no part of conspiracy theories.

But, they said, any official found to be undermining elections and breaking the law must be held accountable. No charges have been brought in any of the breaches being investigated in Colorado, Ohio and Michigan.

"One of the keys to combating insider threats is that there are consequences, and we haven't seen that yet," said Matt Masterson, a former top election security official during the Trump administration.

In advance of this year's midterm elections, federal officials who oversee election security say they have conducted training with officials on ways they can limit access to voting systems to reduce the chances of an insider threat.



Melanie During excavates a paddlefish fossil in southwestern North Dakota. Scientists say a meteor hit off the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico over 66 million years ago. **JACKSON LEIBACH**

Dinosaur age likely ended in springtime, scientists say

By Kenneth Chang
The New York Times

The dinosaur-killing meteor hit in spring.

That is the conclusion of scientists who examined the bones of fish that died on that day when a 6-mile-wide asteroid collided with Earth.

"These fishes died in spring," said Melanie During, a graduate student at Uppsala University in Sweden and lead author of a paper published in the journal Nature. "The reign of dinosaurs ended in spring."

Scientists have known when the meteor hit — just over 66 million years ago, give or take 11,000 years — and where it hit, off the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico. That ended the Cretaceous period of Earth's geological history, but even though three-quarters or more of the species of plants and animals disappeared in the mass extinction that followed, it has been hard to pinpoint fossils of anything directly killed by the meteor.

But in 2019, paleontologists published the discovery in southwestern North Dakota of what appeared to be a mass graveyard of creatures that died hours or days after the impact. Although North Dakota was about 2,000 miles from where the meteor hit, the seismic waves of what was the equivalent of an earthquake with a magnitude of 10 or 11 sloshed water out of the lakes and rivers and killed the fish. Tektites — small glass beads propelled into the air by the impact — rained from the skies.

The researchers spent years exploring the site, known as Tanis, which is in the fossil-rich Hell Creek formation that stretches across four states.

With the new results, the fossils now provide insight into the cataclysm that was previously impossible to discern.

Animals in the Northern Hemisphere — some emerging from hibernation or giving birth to young — might have been more vulnerable to extinction.

During first heard about Tanis during a talk in 2017 by Jan Smit, an expert on the dinosaur extinction at Vrije University in Amsterdam, where she was working on a master's degree. She got in touch with Robert DePalma, the paleontologist orchestrating the study of Tanis.

In August 2017, During flew to North Dakota and spent 10 days at Tanis excavating fossils of three sturgeon and three paddlefish.

In the lab, the scientists sliced pieces of bone from the lower jaws of the paddlefish and from the pectoral fin spines of the sturgeon. They saw repeating light and dark lines reflecting seasonal changes in the rate of growth. The outermost part of the bones indicated that the fish were becoming more active and growing faster after the end of winter.

Swings in the levels of different types, or isotopes, of carbon in the bones indicated how much plankton was in the water for the fish to eat.

The levels were lower than what they would be during summer's peak abundance. That added to the "various lines of evidence that we have that these fish perished in spring," said Jeroen van der Lubbe, a paleo-climatologist at Vrije University and one of the authors of the Nature paper.

WAR IN UKRAINE

Russia again turns to social media as a propaganda tool

By David Klepper
Associated Press



There was a rapid uptick in suspicious accounts spreading anti-Ukrainian content, including on TikTok, in the days before the invasion. **MARTIN BUREAU/GETTY-AFP**

The Russian TikTok video has it all: a cat, puppies and a pulsing background beat. It's cute, watchable and hardly seems the stuff of state propaganda.

In 2014, Russia flooded the internet with fake accounts pushing disinformation about its takeover of Crimea. Eight years later, experts say Russia is mounting a far more sophisticated effort as it invades Ukraine.

Armies of trolls and bots stir up anti-Ukrainian sentiment. State-controlled media outlets look to divide Western audiences. Clever TikTok videos serve up Russian nationalism with a side of humor.

The effort amounts to an emerging part of Russia's war arsenal with the shaping of opinion through orchestrated disinformation fighting alongside actual troops and weapons.

In the cat video, a husky puppy identified by a digitally inserted U.S. flag swipes at the tail of a tabby identified by a Russian flag. The cat responds with a ferocious jab that sends the hapless dog scurrying. The cat video clip, which has been viewed 775,000 times in two weeks, is the work of an account named Funrussianprezident that boasts 310,000 followers. Almost all of its videos feature pro-Russian content.

"It could just be a patriotic Russian fighting the good fight as they see it, or it could easily be something directly affiliated with the state," said Nina Jankowicz, a disinformation researcher and expert on Eastern Europe at the Wilson Center in Washington.

Analysts at several different research organizations contacted by The Associated Press said they are seeing a sharp increase in online activity by groups affiliated with the Russian state. That's in keeping with Russia's strategy of using social media and state-run outlets to galvanize domestic support while seeking to destabilize the Western alliance.

Across the internet, there's been an uptick in suspicious accounts spreading anti-Ukrainian content, according to a report from Cyabra, an Israeli tech company that works to detect disinformation.

Cyabra's analysts tracked thousands of Facebook and Twitter accounts that had recently posted about Ukraine. They saw a sudden and dramatic increase in anti-Ukrainian content in the days immediately before the invasion. On Valentine's Day, for instance, the number of anti-Ukrainian posts created by the sample of Twitter accounts jumped by 11,000% when compared with just days earlier. Analysts believe a significant portion of the accounts are inauthentic and controlled by groups linked to the Russian government.

Researchers at the Atlantic Council's Digital Forensic Research Lab analyzed 3,000 articles by 10 state-owned Russian news outlets and noticed a big increase in unfounded claims that Ukraine was poised to strike separatist groups. Overall, Russian media claims of Ukrainian aggression surged by 50% in January, according to the research.

"This is the way they go to war; it's a central part of Russian doctrine," said Jim Ludes, a former U.S. defense analyst who now directs the Pell Center for International Relations and Public Policy at Salve Regina University. Ludes said Russian disinformation campaigns are intended to galvanize Russian support while confusing and dividing the country's opponents.

For Russians and pro-Russian separatists in Ukraine, the message is that Russia is trying to defend its own people against Western-fueled aggression and persecution in Ukraine. Similar tactics have been used, including by Nazi Germany when it invaded Czechoslovakia under the guise of protecting ethnic Germans living there, Ludes noted.

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WORLD & NATION

Activist fears repeat in Philippines

Torture victim of late dictator's forces dreads his son's rise

By Jim Gomez and Joeal Calupitan
Associated Press



Pro-democracy activist Loretta Rosales sits behind a photo, a grainy military mugshot of her taken after she was arrested in 1976. **JOEAL CALUPITAN/AP**

MANILA, Philippines — Memories of the "People Power" revolt by millions of Filipinos who helped overthrow Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos 36 years ago are bittersweet for Loretta Rosales, who opposed him as an activist and was arrested and tortured by his forces before his downfall.

Her battle has gone full circle.

The euphoria over that triumph of democracy in Asia has faded through the years and now looks upended with the late dictator's son and namesake a leading candidate in the May 9 presidential election. Ferdinand Marcos Jr.'s rise loomed large as the Southeast Asian nation marked the anniversary Friday of the army-backed uprising that toppled Marcos and became a harbinger of change in authoritarian regimes worldwide.

"It puzzles and dismays me," said Rosales, who remains a pro-democracy activist at age 82 and is now raising alarms over Marcos Jr. She expressed fears he will take after his father and seek to cover up his crimes and failures.

Rosales was among human rights victims who asked the Commission on Elections to disqualify Marcos Jr. from the presidential race because of a past tax conviction they say showed "moral turpitude" that should bar him from holding public office.

The commission dismissed her petition and five others. All are now on appeal, and an additional one remains pending but will likely also be rejected.

"This is history repeating itself," Rosales said. "This is round two."

Marcos Jr., 64, who has served as a governor, congressman and senator, leads popularity surveys in the presidential race by a large margin despite his family's history. He has called the allegations against his father "lies" and his campaign steadfastly focuses on a call for unity while staying away from past controversies.

The four-day revolt that forced the elder Marcos from power in 1986 unfolded when then-defense chief Juan Ponce Enrile and his forces withdrew their support from him after their coup plot against the ailing leader was uncovered. Later joined by a top general, Fidel Ramos, they barricaded themselves in two military camps along the main EDSA highway in the capital, where a Roman Catholic leader summoned Filipinos to bring food and support the mutinous troops.

A mammoth crowd turned up and served as a human shield for the defectors. Rosary-clutching nuns, priests and civilians kneeled in front of them and stopped tanks deployed to crush the largely peaceful uprising.

The elder Marcos died in 1989 while in exile in Hawaii without admitting any wrongdoing, including accusations that he, his family and cronies amassed an estimated $5 billion to $10 billion while he was in power.

A Hawaii court later found him liable for human rights violations and awarded $2 billion from his estate to compensate more than 9,000 Filipinos led by Rosales who filed a lawsuit against him for torture, extrajudicial killings, incarceration and disappearances.

After the Marcos family returned from exile in the early 1990s, Marcos Jr. decided to run for Congress to protect his family from being hounded politically, he told broadcast journalist Korina Sanchez-Roxas in a recent interview.

In Rosales' suburban Manila home, a wall is filled with mementos of a life of activism, including as a member of the House of Representatives for nine years and later as head of the Commission on Human Rights until 2015.

The only reminder of the worst moments is a grainy military mugshot showing her with a tense smile and carrying a nameplate with the scribbled date 4 Aug 76.

That was when she and five other anti-Marcos activists were arrested by military agents while meeting in a restaurant four years after Marcos placed the Philippines under martial law in 1972.

"I was smiling, that was before the torture," Rosales said.

For about two days in a military hideout, her captors blindfolded her and clipped wires on her fingers and toes and ran streams of electricity that caused her body to convulse wildly, she said. Her mouth was gagged so she could not scream.

At other times, she said she was subjected to Russian roulette, in which a captor pointed a revolver to her head and pulled the trigger several times to force her to inform on other activists.

"There was sexual molestation," said Rosales, who was eventually freed.

Nearly four decades after democracy was restored, the Philippines remains mired in poverty, corruption, inequality, long-running communist and Muslim insurgencies and political divisions.

Many Filipinos remember relative peace and quiet under martial law in the 1970s and well as lavish infrastructure projects, and Marcos Jr. has promised increased prosperity and peace.

As a vice presidential candidate in 2016, he won more than 14 million votes, losing to Leni Robredo by only 263,000 votes.

Robredo, the leading liberal opposition candidate in the presidential race, ranks second in most popularity polls but is far behind Marcos Jr. three months before the vote.

Rosales, who backs Robredo, remains hopeful and pointed to large numbers of volunteers who are campaigning for the current vice president on social media and across the country due to exasperation over corrupt and inept politicians.

"This volunteerism is a new kind of resistance," Rosales said. "It is people power."



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WORLD & NATION

In West Texas border town, a change of heart

Many Democratic officials going over to Republican side

By J. David Goodman
The New York Times



Terrell County Treasurer Rebecca Luevano is one of many county officials changing parties. **TAMIR KALIFA/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

SANDERSON, Texas — In a remote corner of West Texas along the Rio Grande, where cactuses far outnumber residents, and the closest grocer is an hour's drive, a quiet political upheaval has been taking place.

First, the Democratic county judge said she would seek another term — as a Republican. Then the county clerk and the treasurer decided that they, too, would abandon the Democratic Party, which has long held sway in local elections, and run this year as Republicans.

A county justice of the peace felt the urge to switch parties as well, but she did not want to disappoint her parents, who raised her as a Democrat.

"It took me awhile to realize that my thoughts are more Republican," said the justice of the peace, Corina Arredondo, particularly on the issues of abortion and border security. "Even though I'm still on this side, I'm kind of looking over there and thinking, hey, that's where I belong."

The transformation of politics in Terrell County — a working-class border community of fewer than 1,000 people — provides an ominous signal for Texas Democrats: Conservative Hispanics are not only realigning in presidential elections, but also in contests much closer to home.

"Being of a Hispanic background, we were always told, you're a Democrat," said the county treasurer, Rebecca Luevano, 44, who was raised in Sanderson, where most county residents live. "Everybody was a Democrat the last time I ran."

Split political allegiances had held in the small town for much longer than in other parts of the country. Even as residents voted overwhelmingly for President Donald Trump in both 2016 and 2020, continuing their support for every Republican presidential candidate since George W. Bush, its top local officials remained with the Democratic Party.

The party was deeply connected to the upbringing of many residents, raised in a grid of modest homes in a canyon valley about 20 rough miles from the Mexican border. Many worked at the railroad depot that fueled the town's growth, or had relatives who did, before it closed more than two decades ago.

"My mother's dad worked for the railroad, and he always said that the Democratic Party is for the working man," said Les Chandler II, the chair of the county party. "That's why I've been a Democrat my whole life."

But the shift is evident all around Sanderson, from the Trump signs on some buildings to the reticence with which the remaining Democrats talk about their beliefs. Beto O'Rourke, the former El Paso congressman and Democratic candidate for governor, passed through last month — spending the night at a local motel — but he did not linger.

Sanderson survived a devastating flash flood in 1965, when a sudden wall of water crashed through the desert town, flattening buildings and killing 26 people. But after the closure of the railroad depot, the town withered.

Many houses and storefronts still sit vacant and derelict. Residents either travel long distances for work, some in the Permian Basin oil fields about 150 miles away, or take part in the town's limited economy of government jobs: the school, the county government and the growing apparatus of border security.

"We aren't a main stop like we used to be," said the county judge, Dale Lynn Carruthers, 53, a rancher and former bank manager whose grandfather came from Mexico and whose father was sheriff. "Now we're a hub — a hub of homeland security."

Politics in Sanderson have been shaped, in recent months, by the sharp increase of people crossing the border from Mexico.

Not only are more people being caught as they move through the county, but Carruthers said many more appear to be dying in the harsh terrain: 16 migrants were found dead last year. In recent years, the county averaged about two deaths.

The county, with only a few dozen employees and a $2 million annual budget, was ill-prepared to handle the number of dead. Officials did not even have their own cadaver bags, and the $5,000 set aside for autopsies and burials quickly ran out.

Terrell County is set to receive far more than that from the state, about $8 million, as part of Gov. Greg Abbott's push to increase law enforcement along the border. Abbott has taken an interest in the county and its shifting political winds, featuring Carruthers at an event in McAllen last month to officially announce his run for a third term. The night before, she sat at Abbott's table during a private steak-and-salad dinner.

"The governor gave me the nickname Yellowstone," Carruthers recalled, referring to a popular television series. "He said, my goodness, you're true grit, you remind me of my favorite show."

Also at the dinner, seated with the governor's wife, were the Terrell County treasurer, Luevano, and the county clerk, Raeline Thompson.

Abbott's campaign has been aggressively targeting Hispanic voters in border counties and has pledged to spend $3 billion on state and local law enforcement to increase border security. State police and sheriffs in many border counties have been increasingly focused on tracking migrants.

"It's like I'm still on Border Patrol," said the Terrell County sheriff, Santiago Gonzalez, who worked as a Border Patrol agent for more than 30 years.

Migrants attempting to cross through the county often succumb to hypothermia on frigid nights or dehydration on hot summer days.

"This is rough terrain, and it's dangerous," said Gonzalez, whose mother crossed illegally as a teenager. In addition to the weather, he said, there are "mountain lions, black bear, scorpions, black widows — not to mention the cactus that will stab you as you walk through."

When Travis Roberts, 60, a former antiques importer from Dallas, arrived in town two decades ago, the town was so empty that he said he could buy a home for as little as $2,000. "I bought 39 houses," he said, smoking a cigarette in a cluttered office space of the largest store in Sanderson, which sells hardware, Mexican pottery and, for the right price, a huge metal Tyrannosaurus rex. Over the years, he was able to resell all the homes.

The town is also undergoing a different kind of change as the economy of West Texas tourist attractions — Big Bend National Park, the art haven of Marfa — widens its reach. Since December, there is even a place to get a cup of coffee besides the gas station.

"We love coffee, but we've never owned a coffee shop," said Jake Harper, 41, a contractor and glass blower who moved from San Antonio with his wife, Hannah, a Pilates instructor, and their three children. They started the coffee shop, Ferguson Motors, inside a former Ford dealership.

"There's this misconception that the border is dangerous. But this is the safest place to be. The community is open and giving."

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FuelCell Energy	FCEL	3.40	20.17	**5.28**	**0.27**	5.4	▲	▼	1.5	-71.3		-22.1	...	...
Gen Dynamics	GD	163.12	220.10	**227.98**	**12.16**	5.6	▲	▲	9.4	32.9		4.7	20	2.1
Gen Electric	GE	87.70	116.17	**96.37**	**3.68**	4.0	▲	▼	2.0	-11.5		-15.3	...	0.3
Hartford Fn Sv	HIG	49.86	78.17	**70.74**	**0.21**	0.3	▼	▲	2.5	29.7		8.6	12	2.2
Honeywell Intl	HON	174.42	236.86	**188.56**	**7.41**	4.1	▼	▼	-9.6	-11.3		10.7	27	2.1
Horizon Tech Fin	HRZN	12.58	19.08	**15.41**	**-0.48**	-3.0	▲	▼	-3.2	9.5		13.0	11	7.8
Infosys Ltd	INFY	16.94	26.39	**22.84**	**0.33**	1.5	▲	▲	-9.8	28.1		25.7	35	...
Inovio Pharmaceut	INO	2.76	13.90	**3.22**	**0.04**	1.3	▼	▼	-35.5	-73.1		-13.5	...	...
Intel Corp	INTC	43.63	68.49	**47.71**	**2.67**	5.9	▬	▼	-7.4	-23.8		7.8	9	3.1
Intelsat SA	I			**.38**	**0.00**	0.0	▬	▬	0.0	...		0.0	...	...
Kaman	KAMN	33.93	58.86	**40.35**	**-1.73**	-4.1	▲	▲	-6.5	-26.0		-2.5	26	2.0
Lincoln Natl Corp	LNC	55.01	77.57	**69.13**	**-0.52**	-0.7	▲	▲	1.3	14.3		0.8	20	2.6
MGM Resorts Intl	MGM	34.14	51.17	**45.12**	**1.56**	3.6	▲	▲	0.5	12.7		11.3	36	...
Meta Platforms Inc	FB	190.22	384.33	**210.48**	**4.32**	2.1	▼	▼	-37.4	-21.5		8.9	16	...
MetLife Inc	MET	55.21	72.55	**68.56**	**-0.99**	-1.4	▲	▲	9.7	14.4		9.9	14	2.8
Micron Tech	MU	65.67	98.45	**90.10**	**-0.70**	-0.8	▲	▲	-3.3	-3.8		30.8	18	0.4
Microsoft Corp	MSFT	224.26	349.67	**297.31**	**9.38**	3.3	▼	▼	-11.6	26.6		36.3	33	0.8
Novartis AG	NVS	79.34	95.17	**87.63**	**1.24**	1.4	▲	▲	0.2	1.7		8.2	20	3.5
Nvidia Corporation	NVDA	115.67	346.47	**241.57**	**5.15**	2.2	▲	▼	-17.9	63.9		56.5	87	...
Otis Worldwide Corp	OTIS	62.52	92.84	**78.51**	**2.16**	2.8	▼	▼	-9.8	20.5		0.0	27	1.2
Peoples Utd Fncl	PBCT	15.18	21.60	**21.17**	**0.41**	2.0	▲	▲	18.8	8.1		4.1	30	3.4
Pfizer Inc	PFE	33.36	61.71	**47.72**	**-0.81**	-1.7	▼	▼	-19.2	40.8		10.4	14	3.4
Pitney Bowes	PBI	4.37	10.06	**4.91**	**0.16**	3.4	▼	▼	-25.9	-45.5		-13.7	...	4.1
Prudential Fncl	PRU	83.72	124.22	**112.80**	**-1.27**	-1.1	▲	▲	4.2	26.4		3.3	6	4.3
Pub Svc Ent Gp	PEG	53.77	68.06	**64.87**	**0.19**	0.3	▼	▲	-2.8	14.8		9.5	22	3.3
Raytheon Technolog	RTX	71.99	96.96	**98.12**	**5.26**	5.7	▲	▲	14.0	24.6		8.6	45	2.1
Rogers Corp	ROG	172.21	274.17	**273.10**	**0.44**	0.2	▬	▲	0.0	46.1		26.4	63	...
SS&C Technlogies	SSNC	62.93	84.85	**75.57**	**1.65**	2.2	▼	▼	-7.8	8.4		16.5	49	0.8
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	SIRI	5.75	7.29	**6.16**	**0.13**	2.2	▼	▼	-3.0	6.6		5.1	>99	1.4
Snap Inc A	SNAP	24.32	83.34	**39.15**	**1.14**	3.0	▲	▼	-16.8	-44.1		0.0	...	...
Stanley Black & Deck	SWK	151.21	225.00	**161.89**	**0.10**	0.1	▼	▼	-14.2	-9.0		5.9	15	2.0
Taiwan Semicon	TSM	104.38	145.00	**111.23**	**-8.08**	-6.8	▼	▼	-7.5	-14.0		30.3	28	1.4
Terex Corp	TEX	38.90	55.60	**41.68**	**0.00**	0.0	▲	▼	-5.2	-4.2		7.0	16	1.2
Tesla Inc	TSLA	539.49	1243.49	**809.87**	**-47.11**	-5.5	▼	▼	-23.4	7.9		73.2	>99	...
Travelers Cos	TRV	144.44	174.55	**173.44**	**2.81**	1.6	▲	▲	10.9	12.6		8.3	12	2.0
Uber Technologies	UBER	29.71	61.50	**34.98**	**0.30**	0.9	▼	▼	-16.6	-35.3		0.0	...	...
Unitedhealth Group	UNH	320.35	509.23	**475.75**	**7.94**	1.7	▲	▲	-5.3	38.9		23.9	30	1.2
Virtus Invest	VRTS	226.38	338.80	**248.25**	**-4.18**	-1.7	▲	▼	-16.4	-4.8		18.4	17	2.4
Voya Financial	VOYA	57.93	74.97	**68.55**	**-0.33**	-0.5	▲	▲	3.4	7.4		10.0	...	1.2
Webster Financial	WBS	45.60	65.00	**59.91**	**0.21**	0.4	▲	▲	7.3	1.6		2.9	15	2.7
White Mtns Insur	WTM	978.51	1267.52	**1056.47**	**19.35**	1.9	▲	▲	4.2	-13.8		2.1	18	0.1
World Wrestling Ent	WWE	46.46	70.72	**58.60**	**0.05**	0.1	▲	▲	18.8	18.0		23.1	37	0.8
XPO Logistics Inc	XPO	61.63	90.78	**71.75**	**0.27**	0.4	▲	▼	-7.3	.0		18.8	27	...
Xerox Holdings Corp	XRX	17.59	26.96	**20.06**	**-1.76**	-8.1	▼	▲	-11.4	-17.9		-4.0	14	5.0
Yamana Gold Inc	AUY	3.70	5.44	**4.97**	**0.06**	1.2	▲	▲	17.8	10.9		13.0	29	2.4

Notes on data: Total returns, shown for periods 1-year or greater, include dividend income and change in market price. Three-year and five-year returns annualized. Three year return shown for stocks trading less than five years (indicated by "a"). Ellipses indicate data not available. Price-earnings ratio unavailable for closed-end funds and companies with net losses over prior four quarters. Rank classifies a stock's performance relative to all U.S.-listed shares, from top 20 percent (▮▯▯▯▯) to bottom 20 percent (▯▯▯▯▮).

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48 month new car loan	3.55	3.51	Money market account	0.07	0.07
60 month new car loan	3.65	3.62	1 year CD	0.28	0.28
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30 year fixed mortgage	4.25	4.19	5 year CD	0.43	0.43
15 year fixed mortgage	3.47	3.44	Savings interest	0.23	0.23

TREASURYS	FRIDAY YIELD	CHANGE 1WK	1MO	3MO	1YR	52-WEEK HIGH	LOW
3-month T-Bill	0.33	-0.03	▲	▲	0.29	0.46	0.01
6-month T-Bill	0.72	0.06	▲	▲	0.66	0.78	0.02
52-week T-Bill	1.13	0.14	▲	▲	1.04	1.18	0.04
2-year T-Note	1.55	0.08	▲	▲	1.38	1.61	0.11
5-year T-Note	1.86	0.04	▲	▲	1.05	1.96	0.59
7-year T-Note	1.96	0.06	▲	▲	0.73	2.03	0.95
10-year T-Note	1.98	0.06	▲	▲	0.47	2.04	1.17
30-year T-Bond	2.29	0.05	▲	▲	-0.02	2.48	1.67

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DOW 30

	COMPANY	TICKER	FRIDAY CLOSE	$CHG 1WK	PCT CHANGE 1WK	1MO	1YR
1.	Chevron Corp	CVX	140.38	6.96	5.2	7.5	**41.5**
2.	Unitedhealth Group	UNH	475.75	7.94	1.7	2.1	**41.2**
3.	Amer Express	AXP	193.71	-1.17	-0.6	9.4	**39.2**
4.	Apple Inc	AAPL	164.85	-2.45	-1.5	-3.2	**27.9**
5.	CocaCola Co	KO	62.85	0.31	0.5	3.3	**25.2**
6.	Procter & Gamble	PG	158.24	-1.66	-1.0	-1.4	**25.0**
7.	Cisco Syst	CSCO	56.04	-1.17	-2.0	0.8	**22.9**
8.	Microsoft Corp	MSFT	297.31	9.38	3.3	-3.6	**21.2**
9.	McDonalds Corp	MCD	249.45	-1.15	-0.5	-2.6	**19.7**
10.	Home Depot	HD	316.65	-30.22	-8.7	-13.6	**17.9**
11.	Travelers Cos	TRV	173.44	2.81	1.6	4.0	**16.3**
12.	IBM	IBM	124.18	-0.17	-0.1	-7.7	**11.6**
13.	Merck & Co	MRK	76.32	-0.05	-0.1	-5.7	**10.4**
	Dow Jones industrial average		34058.75	-20.43	-0.1	-1.9	**+10.1**
14.	Goldman Sachs Grp	GS	350.12	4.08	1.2	0.9	**8.9**
15.	Johnson & Johnson	JNJ	166.00	2.64	1.6	-3.4	**3.1**
16.	Visa Inc	V	219.27	-3.42	-1.5	-3.8	**2.5**
17.	Nike Inc B	NKE	138.80	-4.15	-2.9	-4.9	**1.3**
18.	WalMart Strs	WMT	136.38	-1.61	-1.2	-0.8	**1.3**
19.	JPMorgan Chase	JPM	147.97	-4.17	-2.7	0.9	**1.3**
20.	Dow Inc	DOW	59.65	-0.24	-0.4	-0.6	**1.1**
21.	Amgen	AMGN	227.03	6.26	2.8	-0.9	**-1.8**
22.	Verizon Comm	VZ	54.12	0.29	0.5	2.3	**-1.9**
23.	Walgreen Boots Alli	WBA	46.20	-0.41	-0.9	-8.4	**-2.2**
24.	Boeing Co	BA	201.48	-7.55	-3.6	5.7	**-7.4**
25.	Honeywell Intl	HON	188.56	7.41	4.1	-6.6	**-10.9**
26.	Caterpillar Inc	CAT	187.06	-4.89	-2.5	-7.0	**-13.2**
27.	3M Company	MMM	150.51	2.89	2.0	-7.7	**-14.7**
28.	Salesforce.com Inc	CRM	208.09	11.25	5.7	-6.3	**-19.1**
29.	Intel Corp	INTC	47.71	2.67	5.9	0.0	**-24.6**
30.	Disney	DIS	149.53	-1.83	-1.2	7.9	**-26.0**

30 BIGGEST FU NDS

FUND	ASSETS (in billions)	TICKER	PCT RETURN 1WK	1MO	1YR	RANK 5YRS*
Vanguard 500 Index Admiral	**$429**	VFIAX	0.8	0.8	16.1	15.2
Vanguard Total Stock Instl	**321**	VTSAX	1.0	1.1	11.7	14.6
Vanguard Total Intl Stock Idx	**188**	VGTSX	-1.5	-0.9	-0.4	7.6
Vanguard Instl Index Plus	**167**	VIIIX	0.8	0.8	16.1	15.2
American Growth Fd of America	**130**	AGTHX	0.6	0.1	1.5	15.8
Vanguard Total Stock Index	**126**	VTSMX	1.0	1.0	11.6	14.5
Vanguard Instutional Index	**120**	VINIX	0.8	0.8	16.1	15.2
Fidelity Contrafund	**117**	FCNTX	1.3	-0.2	8.3	17.4
American Balanced	**102**	ABALX	0.3	-0.1	9.0	9.4
Dodge & Cox Stock	**98**	DODGX	0.0	0.2	19.6	12.9
American Income Fd of America	**83**	AMECX	0.0	0.2	11.1	8.3
American Investment Co. Amer	**77**	AIVSX	1.1	1.0	12.8	12.0
American Washington Mutual	**76**	AWSHX	1.0	0.9	17.6	12.9
American Capital Income Bldr	**68**	CAIBX	-0.5	-0.1	10.0	7.0
American Fundamental Investor	**66**	ANCFX	0.4	1.3	9.8	12.6
American New Perspective	**62**	ANWPX	-0.2	-1.8	1.4	15.2
American CapWorld Growth/Inc	**59**	CWGIX	-0.9	-0.2	3.5	10.3
PIMCO Total Return Instl	**55**	PTTRX	-0.4	-2.2	-3.0	2.9
Fidelity Blue Chip Growth	**46**	FBGRX	1.2	1.0	1.1	23.2
Vanguard Windsor II Admiral	**46**	VWNAX	0.7	0.7	15.6	13.2
Dodge & Cox International Stock	**45**	DODFX	-5.9	-3.2	-0.2	5.5
Fidelity Growth Company	**45**	FDGRX	1.4	1.8	2.0	24.1
American AMCAP	**39**	AMCPX	1.4	1.8	4.4	13.2
Fidelity Balanced	**37**	FBALX	0.6	0.5	8.6	12.3
FrankTemp Income	**36**	FKINX	0.4	0.0	12.7	6.9
American SmallCap World	**32**	SMCWX	0.3	-0.1	-9.8	12.8
American Bond Fund of America	**29**	ABNDX	-0.3	-1.9	-2.1	3.0
Fidelity Magellan	**28**	FMAGX	1.5	1.1	11.2	15.5
Fidelity Puritan	**27**	FPURX	0.6	0.6	7.5	11.8
Fidelity Low-Priced Stock	**27**	FLPSX	-0.3	0.8	12.7	11.5

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An original and six (6) copies of qualifications, proposals and fee must be submitted to the Town Engineer, 41 West Street Cromwell CT 06416 by 2:00 PM on March 25, 2022. This RFQ/RFP is available at the Office of Public Works or by accessing the Town's website, www.cromwellct.com . Qualifications, Proposals and Fee must be submitted in three separate sealed envelopes marked "Qualifications for Engineering Services ", "Proposal for Engineering Services" and "Fee for Engineering Services ".
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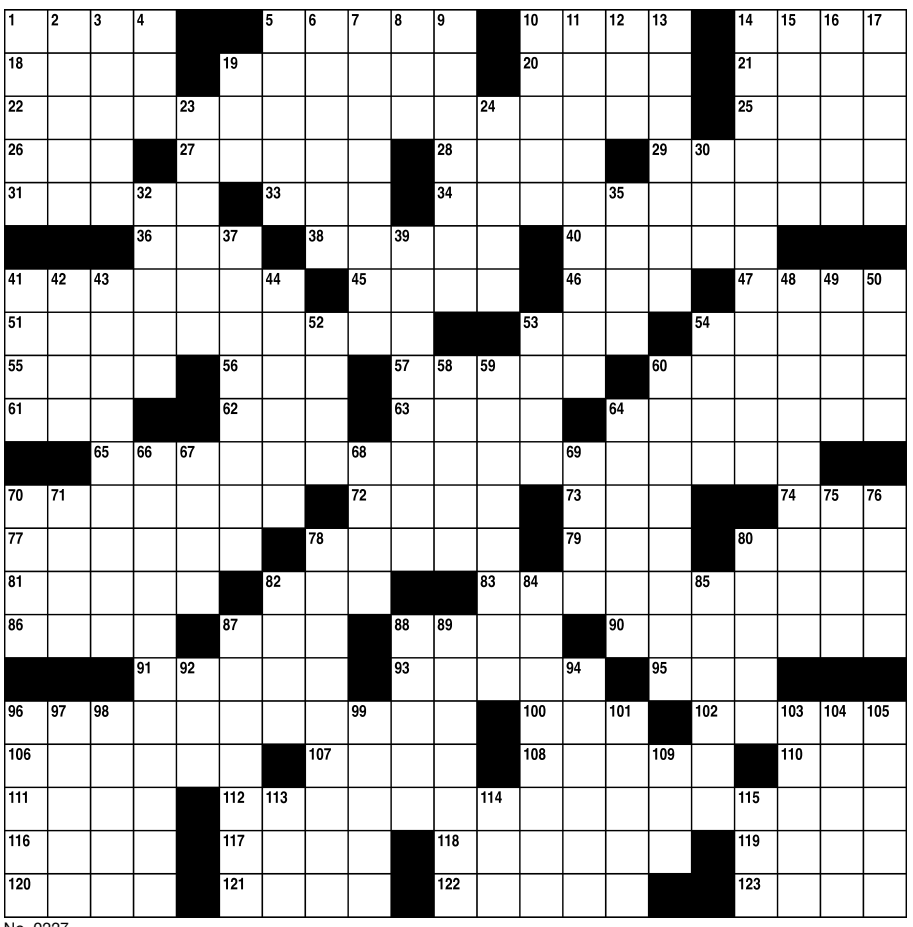
Victor Barocas is a professor of biomedical engineering at the University of Minnesota. He's a longtime member of the National Puzzlers' League and contributes puzzles to its monthly publication, The Enigma. Victor loves all things related to language and wordplay. Contrary to the title of this puzzle, though, he does not speak French. — W.S.

ACROSS

1 Tobacco plug
5 Manipulate
10 Graduates of Quantico, informally
14 Taller roommate of 15-Down
18 Showgirl in the 1978 hit "Copacabana"
19 Boomer's kid, maybe
20 Declare
21 Snack item with approximately 53 calories
22 Positive thinker's motto?
25 Textbook section
26 FireWire alternative
27 Letter between November and Papa in the NATO alphabet
28 It might be set at sea
29 When a prime-time drama might air
31 Reason-based belief in God
33 Repeated sound that's hard to get rid of
34 Means of becoming a god?
36 "Call the Midwife" network
38 Had something nice
40 Nonsense
41 Place in danger
45 Ernst and Young, e.g.: Abbr.
46 Peroxide ____
47 It's an affront
51 Where Rapunzel let down her hair?
53 Quarrel
54 It matures quickly, in brief
55 Angled to get attention: Abbr.
56 Suffix with serpent or opal
57 Offed
60 Reach quickly, as a conclusion
61 Perhaps
62 Doc. to ensure secrecy
63 A pupil may grow in it
64 United group, e.g.
65 Holy water?
70 Excites
72 "Salus populi suprema lex ____" (motto of Missouri)
73 Charade
74 One of 17 in Monopoly: Abbr.
77 One with pressing work
78 Feed the guests, maybe
79 Dish that's cooked underground
80 Feb. 14
81 673 parts of the Louvre Pyramid
82 "Old man"
83 Answer to "What is Roquefort or Brie?"
86 Offed
87 Go the wrong way
88 Green-lit
90 Like drunken speech
91 Announcement on National Coming Out Day
93 Inappropriate
95 Early bird?
96 Spilled milk?
100 Front of a semi
102 Ubiquitous advertiser with an acronymic name
106 Seeing as
107 Weight of an empty container
108 What's clothed in summer and naked in winter, per an old riddle
110 China's largest ethnic group
111 What BankAmericard became in 1976
112 The queen with her pets?
116 School where some of "Shakespeare in Love" was filmed
117 Annual Memorial Day race, informally
118 Red Sox' div.
119 Bit of sports equipment that may be electrified
120 Casino tool
121 Philippine money
122 Fleas and flies
123 What's left on a map?

DOWN

1 Obscure
2 Windsor, e.g.
3 A criminal's may be unbelievable
4 "Time ____ ... "
5 Big name in jelly
6 Like mosaic tiles
7 Lose possession?
8 One of the books of the Torah: Abbr.
9 Where Wagner's "Tannhäuser" was first performed
10 Prima ____
11 Word that becomes more dramatic when you add an "R" in front
12 Caribbean land, at the Olympics
13 Administer an oath to
14 Echoes
15 Shorter roommate of 14-Across
16 Control, metaphorically
17 Completely, in slang
19 Pedal on the right
23 Man of La Mancha
24 Late-night trips to the fridge, e.g.
30 Shirt or blouse
32 Bit of magic
35 Projecting front
37 Temporarily replace
39 Most likely to win at Trivia Night, maybe
41 Long-billed wader
42 Parent company of Facebook
43 Game starter
44 Home for Holmes
48 One who sees what you're saying?
49 Berliner's "old"
50 Sight on winter roads
52 Sign of overuse
53 "All ____!"
54 Prefix that's mega mega?
58 Not merely annoyed
59 Split
60 BuzzFeed staple
64 Wide ties
66 Netflix series set at Green Gables
67 Manipulates
68 Place to go on a ship
69 Them's the breaks!
70 List in "The Idiot's Guide to ... "
71 Neighbor of Siberia, in Risk
75 Common still-life prop
76 Looked at
78 Architectural columns in the form of sculpted female figures
80 Threshold
82 Gunslinger's command
84 Schools
85 Held tight
87 A narcissist may go on one
88 Shockingly bizarre
89 What the quadriceps muscle connects to
92 N.Y.C. commuting inits.
94 Bugs
96 Where bile is produced
97 Loos who wrote "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes"
98 Casual response to an apology
99 Panasonic subsidiary
101 Orchestra section
103 "If my luck holds out ... "
104 Pens
105 Beginning
109 Rhinitis treater, in brief
113 Phoenix-to-Albuquerque dir.
114 Bottle labeled "XXX" in the comics
115 "Do the ____" (soft drink slogan)



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Officials pitch ideas on gun violence

Mayor, police chief discuss solutions as Hartford residents express frustration over lack of progress

By Alex Putterman
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin and Chief of Police Jason Thody pitched solutions to gun violence in the city at a virtual town hall event Saturday, while residents voiced frustration over what they see as lack of real progress on the issue.

"This has been a difficult two years," Bronin said, citing Hartford's rise in homicides since the start of 2020. "This isn't about data and numbers. This is about people, and that's why we need to have this conversation."

After an initial presentation on gun violence in Hartford over the past three years, Bronin listed 10 "initial recommendations" to address the problem, including an increased focus on "very high risk" individuals, additional reentry support for people who have been convicted of crimes, expanded mental health interventions and an improvement in solve rates for both fatal and nonfatal shootings.

The mayor said Hartford plans to relocate its Reentry Welcome Center to a larger space and to introduce a new hospital-based violence intervention program.

"There is no magic here," Bronin said. "There is certainly not a simple solution. And that's why we have talked about so many different things that we are doing both on the law enforcement side and the non-law enforcement community side."

Thody, meanwhile, said his department will seek to think more deeply about why gun violence occurs.

"I've been with the police department here for 26 years, and I don't know that we ever really explored that question of why, and certainly not thoroughly enough," he said. "A lot of times we are looking for the best ways to be reactive and the best ways to interrupt violence, but in order to do that you kind of have to know what's driving it."

As Bronin and Thody spoke, residents in the Zoom chat voiced frustration over police brutality and economic conditions in the city, which they described as a major driver of gun violence. One resident wrote that his job doesn't

Turn to Guns, Page 2



For years, Linda Kelley-Dodd suffered with all the hallmarks of migraines, including auras, nausea, and smell and light sensitivities. Monoclonal antibody therapy has changed her life. **MELANIE STENGEL/CONN. HEALTH I-TEAM**

Migraine discovery hailed as 'milestone'

By Jenifer Frank | Conn. Health I-Team Writer

Migraines have baffled humankind at least as far back as the ancient Egyptians, who blamed the excruciating headaches, and their often-accompanying visual auras and nausea, on the supernatural.

Now, in a development doctors are calling revolutionary, an international group of neurologists has deciphered the mystery of why people get migraines and, in doing so, has determined how to greatly reduce their frequency and severity.

The discovery "has revolutionized our treatment of migraine," said Dr. P. Christopher H. Gottschalk, a neurologist at Yale Medicine and professor of neurology at the Yale School of Medicine.

"I'm witnessing a change in the landscape," said Dr. Sandhya Mehla, a headache specialist and vascular neurologist with Hartford HealthCare Medical Group. "I would say this is a milestone."

The discovery, the fruit of 40 years of research, won four scientists in Sweden, Denmark and the United States the 2021 Brain Prize, the world's most prestigious award in neurology.

It's already leading to treatments that can significantly reduce migraine attacks as well as minimize any breakthrough headaches. The new class of drugs has

Turn to Migraines, Page 2

2 Senate hopefuls lose round on speech

Judge rules in case over criticism in publicly financed campaigns

By Edmund H. Mahony
Hartford Courant

Two state Senate candidates lost a round in court in a free speech fight about who politicians are allowed to criticize when running publicly financed campaigns, but promised to appeal and continue challenging what they claim is illegal state restrictions on political expression.

In a case that has reached the state Supreme Court once and could return, a Superior Court judge said two Republicans — now former state Sen. Joe Markley and Sen. Rob Sampson — failed to show that state law and regulations unconstitutionally restrict candidates running publicly-financed campaigns from criticizing candidates running for different offices.

The decision by Senior Judge Joseph M. Shortall arose from fines imposed against Markley and Sampson by the State Elections Enforcement Commission after the 2014 election when the two candidates spent small portions of their public campaign grants on mailers and advertisements critical of then-Gov. Dannel P. Malloy's tax and spending record.

The commission said the two violated campaign laws and regulations that limit the spending of of public grant money to issues that fall within the narrow parameters of the office they are pursuing. Since Markley and Sampson were running for the state Senate, the elections commission decided Malloy, seeking reelection as governor, was off-limits.

The money spent on criticizing

Turn to Criticism, Page 2

Connecticut Ukrainians carefully watching events

Area residents gather at Ukrainian National Home to discuss attacks

By Jake Dressler
Special To The Courant

HARTFORD — For Wesleyan student Yulia Kulchytska, the invasion of her Ukrainian homeland by Russia is nothing short of an attempt to end democracy across the globe.

Kulchytska, a sophomore studying at Wesleyan University, spoke at the Ukrainian National Home late Friday, saying she urged Westerners not to underestimate the conflict started by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"This is about democracy," Kulchytska said. "Right now this is just the logical sequence in the next steps of Putin's conquest that the world has been ignoring for eight years. The world should understand that Ukraine is not the main goal. If Ukraine falls, it's the ending of the democratic world."

Kulchytska and Hartford Ukrainians gathered at the Ukrainian National Home on Wethersfield Avenue for an event originally intended to promote academic

Turn to Ukraine, Page 2



In an event sponsored by the Ukrainian Catholic University Foundation and Ukraine Global Scholars, Ukrainians from across central Connecticut gathered Friday at the Ukrainian National Home on Wethersfield Avenue in Hartford. **COURTESY PHOTO**



CORONAVIRUS IN CONNECTICUT

Masks no longer recommended in 7 counties

CDC director says virus levels suggest a 'break' is in order

By Alex Putterman
Hartford Courant

Under new guidance unveiled Friday by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, people in seven of Connecticut's eight counties are no longer recommended to wear masks in public, indoors settings.

In the final county, Middlesex, people at high risk for COVID-19 are advised to consult a doctor on whether they should wear a mask.

The new CDC guidance arrived Friday as most of the country recovers from a devastating omicron variant surge. In Connecticut, the daily average of new cases has dropped from 10,000 at one point in January to 436 currently.

"We want to give people a break from things like masking when our levels are low, and then have the ability to reach for them again should things get worse in the future," Dr. Rochelle Walensky, the CDC's director, told reporters. "We need to be prepared, and we need to be ready for whatever comes next."

Under the CDC's previous criteria, five of Connecticut's counties qualified for the "high" COVID-19 transmission category, while the other three were classified as having "substantial" transmission. That meant people in all eight counties were recommended to continue wearing masks in indoor, public places.

Whereas people in 94% of counties nationwide were recommended to wear masks under the CDC's old guidance, those in only 37% of counties are now recommended to do so under the new guidance.

The new guidance has drawn criticism from some public health experts, who view it as overly permissive. Dr. Gerald E. Harmon, president of the American Medical Association, said in a statement that he will continue to wear a mask in public and recommends that others do so as well.

"Even as some jurisdictions lift masking requirements, we must grapple with the fact that millions of people in the U.S. are immunocompromised, more susceptible to severe COVID outcomes, or still too young to be eligible for the vaccine," Harmon said. "In light of those facts, I personally will continue to wear a mask in most indoor public settings, and I urge all Americans to consider doing the same."

Dr. Ulysses Wu, chief epidemiologist at Hartford HealthCare, said last week he doesn't think it's time yet to lift mask requirements but that the time might come "soon, possibly in a week or two."

Connecticut has not had a statewide mask mandate in nearly a year, and most towns and cities that implemented mask requirements this winter have since lifted them. New Haven, which has been one of the state's strictest cities when it comes to pandemic control measures, announced Friday that masks will no longer be required as of March 7.

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Migraines

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the potential to change the lives of the 1 billion migraine sufferers around the globe.

Linda Kelley-Dodd's life has already been transformed. The Bristol resident started having headaches as a teenager, although, she said, "It wasn't until I was in my 20s that I really noticed, 'This is a problem for me. This is really, truly a problem.' "

Before becoming one of Gottschalk's patients, Kelley-Dodd, 49, who's the costume project coordinator at the David Geffen School of Drama at Yale, experienced all the hallmarks of migraines. In addition to headaches, she had auras, nausea, smell sensitivity and, especially, light sensitivity, which forced her to wear sunglasses when she drove home at night because the headlights of oncoming cars were so painful.

Her headaches varied. "Sometimes they would range from just a low-grade headache to a full-on I-can't-deal-with-the-world-please-just-somebody-make-it-go-away."

She carried an arsenal to help "at least just tamp down the pain so I could semi-function" and "plowed through Excedrin Migraine" for days at a time, "jacking" herself up on Coca-Cola, aspirin and ibuprofen.

A year and a half ago, however, Kelley-Dodd started monoclonal antibody therapy, injecting herself once a month with a drug called Emgality.

"I can't talk about how amazing this drug is," she said. "It has completely changed my life."

Cause of migraine

Migraine, the scientists found, is the result of an interaction between the largest nerve in the head, called the trigeminal, and the meninges, the thin membrane surrounding the brain that senses pain.

When fibers in the trigeminal nerve are activated, they emit powerful chemical signals that dilate blood vessels in the meninges. The meninges then becomes inflamed, triggering a migraine.

What activates the trigeminal fibers is highly individualistic. In her essay, "In Bed," Joan Didion, a lifelong migraineur, wrote, "Almost anything can trigger a specific attack of migraine: stress, allergy, fatigue, an abrupt change in barometric pressure, a contretemps over a parking ticket. A flashing light. A fire drill."

The researchers found that blocking those chemical signals, which they named calcitonin gene-related peptides (CGRP), can abort a migraine. This is what monoclonal antibodies, or CGRP antagonists, do.



Gottschalk

Mehla of the Hartford HealthCare Medical Group called the discovery "a milestone" because it led to "the first medications that were specifically designed and tested only for migraine." In the past, she said, doctors have had to treat their patients with medications that were developed for other medical conditions.

"Migraine is in our genes, so it really cannot be cured," she said. But these new medications can greatly reduce their frequency.

Another huge benefit, said Gottschalk, is that their side effects "have been practically zero."

The 'Migraine Personality'

Like tuberculosis, migraine has often been linked to personality. In the 1930s, New York neurologist Harold Wolff asserted that the condition was especially prominent among perfectionists, those driven by ambition, a theory that remained popular until the 1980s.

And because one in three migraineurs are women, the disease has long been dismissed, or at least minimized, as just another psychosomatic condition of neurotic women.

"It's distressing," Gottschalk said when asked about migraines and gender bias. "It was not that long ago, 50 years ago, that doctors who were specialists in headache were writing [that] clearly the migraine personality includes sexual frustration in women. Unbelievable!"

For a disease that has been part of the human condition for as long as migraines have, it may be surprising that it took so long to understand it. Gottschalk blames that not only on its association with women's supposed neuroses but also because migraine is one of those "invisible diseases."

"It's not like diabetes, where your sugar's way high," he said. "It's not like high blood pressure where you can do a thing on your arm and show that there's a number that's higher than it should be. It's somehow ... mysterious or unsettling that there's not a clear source of the problem that people can identify."

Insurance coverage

The CGRP receptor antagonists are, predictably, expensive — about $500 a month — but Mehla and Gottschalk are optimistic about their cost to patients in the longer term.

"I have to say it's not as bleak as I was afraid it would be in the beginning," Gottschalk said, "but it's also not as good as it should be. The fact that [the medication is] FDA-approved specifically for migraine means that pretty much every commercial insurance has to approve at least one of these antibodies, and usually it's more than one."

Patients seeking monoclonal antibody treatment had to have tried several drugs in the past before an insurer approves the new regimen.

"Most of the patients that we see in the headache clinic are the ones who have tried something before," Mehla said. "So, our patients usually meet the criteria if we are prescribing it. But [given the robust response], we can foresee that these medications will be covered much faster."

Her long road

Kelley-Dodd's road to controlling her headaches may have been a bit atypical in that she was referred to Gottschalk for another ailment. And that it wasn't until she started getting treatment for the other ailment that she started getting treatment for her migraines.

"I went for years without proper treatment," she said, "not knowing that there was even treatment."

Today, Kelley-Dodd admits, it's a little hard for her to remember everything she went through in her 20s and 30s.

She laughs as she remembers thinking, "This isn't actually the way a human should live, where I would just power through these headaches. You just have to power through.

"I think, truly, there isn't enough information out there for humans to understand that this truly is a disability and that it truly affects people's lives."

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Criticism

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Joe Markley, right, speaks at a town hall-style meeting in Southington in 2018. Markley appeared with state Reps. Rob Sampson, center, and John Fusco, left. **COURANT FILE PHOTO**

Malloy, the commission said, was in effect an expenditure in support of Malloy's opponent. Markley and Sampson argue they were distinguishing themselves from Malloy and showing voters they would pursue different fiscal policies if they were elected.

Markley said Friday he was reviewing Shortall's decision, released the day before. He said he and Sampson would continue to press their case, but had not decided to appeal in state court or bring a new, federal action. The case reached the state Supreme Court once before, put was returned by the justices in May based on relatively trivial errors by the commission when scheduling a hearing.

Markley and Sampson claim their case is grounded entirely in the First Amendment guarantee of unfettered political speech. They said the laws and regulations underpinning the state's increasingly fraught public campaign financing system forces candidates to choose between receiving public grants and their right to share their views on the election of other candidates.

Shortall decided the case on the constitutionality of the rules restricting how campaign grants can be spent — specifically spending on advertising. He cites prior decisions in which courts have held that states can restrict spending in publicly financed campaigns as long as a candidate's decision to accept public financing is voluntary. Even though Markley and Sampson had both private and public grant money in their campaign accounts, spending restrictions are valid because the funds are co-mingled, Shortall said.

If the two wanted to criticize Malloy, Shortall said, they could have used money from a separate account raised from private sources or simply chosen to avoid the public financing system and paid for their own campaigns.

"By requiring that plaintiffs fund their anti-Malloy activity outside of their candidate committee depositories, the Legislature and the commission have not denied them the right to advocate against the governor's reelection," Shortall said. "They merely refused to fund such activities out of the public fisc."

Shortall said, "this court finds that the voluntary decision to accept public funds to finance their campaigns for reelection, along with the condition that those funds not be used to promote another candidate's election, did not burden the plaintiff's First Amendment rights."

Critics have been chipping away for years at the state's public campaign financing laws, known as the Citizens' Election Program. A federal appeals court invalidated parts of the laws in 2010, concluding that they intruded on free speech rights. In 2013, an anonymous amendment created a loophole that lifted — in certain cases — the spending limits the law was supposed to impose. The following year, then-state Senate candidate Ted Kennedy Jr., running a publicly financed campaign, used the loophole to outspend his publicly financed opponent by a 4-1 margin. The commission is still looking into the 2014 Kennedy campaign.

Guns

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pay enough for him to afford stable housing, creating pressure to sell drugs for extra income.

"Due to lack of assistance with housing and other basics many have turned to crime for much needed income," he wrote.

Tenaya Taylor, a Hartford resident and activist, spent much of the town hall event posting frustrations in the chat. In an interview afterward, Taylor said the city should spend less on policing and more on community services to address poverty.

"In 2020, when all the George Floyd [protests] popped off, it was pretty clear the prioritization of police [instead of] communities," Taylor said. "There is just so much money invested in the police force, when you sum it all together, rather than in community programs."

Bronin said the main purpose of Saturday's town hall wasn't to solve Hartford's gun violence issues but instead to better understand them. With that in mind, the mayor introduced a presentation by Lisa Barao, a criminal justice professor at Westfield State University, who shared and analyzed data on violence in Hartford.

According to Barao's presentation, Hartford experienced a 55% increase in gun violence (both fatal and nonfatal) from 2019 to 2020 followed by a 14% decrease from 2020 to 2021. In total, the city recorded 461 shootings, 63 of which were fatal, between Jan. 1, 2019, and Dec. 31, 2021, more than most comparable cities in the region.

Gun violence was particularly prevalent in Black neighborhoods, Barao said, with most victims and suspects falling between ages 18 and 34. Most shootings, she said, stemmed not from traditional organized gangs but from "loose associations between criminally active individuals."

Bronin said Saturday's town hall was the first in a series of similar events, with the next to be scheduled for "late March or early April." A recording of the Saturday town hall is available on Bronin's Facebook page.

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Ukraine

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development for young people but that evolved into a show of solidarity for Ukrainians facing a war at home.

Oleh Atamaniuk, one of the speakers from Westminster School, said his hometown of Kolomyya, in Western Ukraine, was bombed four times in the past 48 hours.

"It's just horrible. It's the biggest conflict since World War II," Atamaniuk said. "I try to keep in touch with my family to make sure they're OK. Russia is attacking, and they're trying to make sure they surrender Kyiv in the next 24 hours, but the Ukrainian army is fantastic. They're so brave, and they're one of the best armies in the world."

The event, which was cosponsored by the Ukrainian Catholic University Foundation and Ukraine Global Scholars, drew a crowd of Ukrainians from across central Connecticut, some arriving teary-eyed, clad in traditional Ukrainian garb.

The crowd heard from three student speakers who shared their stories about how they completed rigorous preparatory programs with Ukraine Global Scholars and earned scholarships to some of New England's most prestigious colleges and high schools.

Oleksii Antoniuk, a Yale University student and president of Yale Ukrainian students group, took the stage first, followed by Kulchytska, who is studying economics and philosophy at Wesleyan, and Atamaniuk of Westminster School.

Antoniuk expressed gratitude for the opportunity that Ukraine Global Scholars provided him. "I would have never been able to afford a $60,000 a year tuition" Antoniuk said. "A lot of Ukrainians don't think it's possible to get a Western education, but with these programs it is."

On the topic of war, Antoniuk shared sentiments similar to those of the other students.

"Putin, he has sort of senile insanity, and I think it was an irrational step that Russians didn't even agree with. Ukrainians will resist," he said. "We just need a bit more supplies and a bit more weapons to ensure that we can fight the Russians, and more support from the West."

Alex Kuzma, a Wethersfield resident who serves as the chief development officer of the Ukrainian Catholic University Foundation, said events such as the one Friday help to expose young people to opportunities and help strengthen cohesion among Connecticut's growing Ukrainian community.

"It's a poignant moment for these students because they're anxious and terrified for their families back home. We wanted to be the adoptive family for these kids in Hartford and serve as an emotional shelter for the Ukrainian community," Kuzma said. "It's kind of sad they didn't know there's a really vibrant Ukrainian community in Connecticut. The idea was to make the connection between these talented young students and give them a flavor of hospitality."

The three student speakers have agreed with Ukraine Global Scholars to work in their country for several years after graduation. Kulchytska plans to enter the nonprofit space, while Antoniuk and Atamaniuk have their eyes on politics.

SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT

The photograph of the East Hartford wrestling team on **Page 1** of Saturday's sports section was taken by Gerry deSimas Jr. of Connecticut Wrestling Online. The credit was incorrect.

New England takes detour on electric grid reform

Pushback ensues as ending of key rule on acquiring power is pushed back two years

By Jan Ellen Spiegel
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Katie Dykes, Connecticut's commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, earlier this month got onboard with a two-year delay for a key component of her pet project — reforming the New England electric grid.

For nearly a decade, Dykes has railed against the operator of the grid, ISO-New England, and the way it purchases power, saying it hinders the build-out of renewable energy, which comes from a source that is not depleted when used, such as wind or solar power. But after building regional momentum to change that dynamic, Dykes blinked.

Instead of ending a year from now, a key rule for acquiring future power for the grid will end three years from now, with agreement from Dykes.

Not that Dykes voted for the delay. But she didn't vote against it either. "Not opposing" was the official disposition.

"It's a long way from not opposing to supporting," she explained several days after the decision.

But renewable energy advocates around the region are nothing short of appalled and point fingers straight at ISO-NE, which they say changed its mind at the last minute and played an often-used trump card — that reliability of the grid would be at stake if the rule changed next year.

"As someone who has responsibility for meeting state policy goals and assuring that we're doing so in an affordable, reliable way, I can't just outright dismiss the ISO's rationale for this preference, i.e., reliability," Dykes said. "And that's why we didn't oppose."

Francis Pullaro, executive director of RENEW Northeast, a group uniting renewable energy and environmental advocates, said the states were put in a difficult position.

"They don't know what the ISO needs. They're not looking at the system like the ISO is. I can be sympathetic to that. I have my own perspective," he said. "No one's going to call me if the system collapses, right? It's a sensitive topic."

Meet the MOPR

The rule in the crosshairs is called the minimum offer price rule, universally referred to in the energy world as the MOPR.

Once a year, the ISO runs what's called a forward capacity auction. It's a low-price-wins auction to determine what generating resources will go into its Forward Capacity Market, the power it plans to have available three years in advance. It gives the ISO the security that power will be there, and it provides a commitment to potential new power sources so they can get financed and built.

The MOPR is a key component, setting the lowest price that a resource can offer in the forward capacity auction.

Mainly, the power projects want to recoup their construction costs. Many, if not most, renewable and clean energy resources have state-sponsored contracts and other sorts of subsidies, so part of those costs are already covered. But under the MOPR, they have to factor the entire cost into their bid, not just the uncovered portion.

Because renewable energy is still more expensive than traditional fossil fuel power — though costs are coming down — renewables are rarely chosen at auctions because they can't bid low enough. Dykes advocates a broad overhaul of how the ISO runs the grid, but the MOPR comes in for particular criticism. She and others have argued repeatedly that the rule gives an advantage to natural gas, preventing states from meeting their renewable energy and greenhouse gas emissions mandates and costing ratepayers extra money.

A little more than two years ago, after threatening to pull out of the capacity market, Dykes corralled all the New England states into a group to map out reforms for the ISO. They called it the New England Energy Vision. First up was getting rid of the MOPR.

Discussions began in May of last year. At the table: the ISO; the states — through the New England States Committee on Electricity, which represents the six New England governors' electricity interests — and dozens of other energy stakeholders through the advisory group the New England Power Pool.

On Jan. 11, the NEPOOL markets committee approved the only plan on the table: ending the MOPR beginning with the capacity auction in February 2023. That put the MOPR one vote away from termination.

About two weeks later, the ISO released a memo in advance of the final vote. The memo supported a plan offered by two fossil fuel power generators that would delay the end of MOPR until 2025, effectively putting off more meaningful and cost effective renewable energy entries to the grid until three years after that — 2028.

On Feb. 3, the NEPOOL participants committee went with that alternative, called a "transition," by a narrow margin. The next day, Dykes, along with all the other NESCOE states except New Hampshire — which doesn't want to get rid of MOPR at all — said it would not oppose the change.

Outraged tweets, press releases and all manner of indignation ensued.

Critics called it the ISO's "eleventh-hour change," accused the ISO of "turning on a dime" and labeled the move an "unnecessary lifeline to gas generators" and "anti-competitive."

A letter sent by the Northeast Clean Energy Council, NECEC, to all six New England attorneys general called it "wholly out of step with climate action plans adopted by nearly every state in the New England region."

"Given that this will have a chilling effect on the integration of renewable energy into the regional capacity market until 2028, it could have deleterious effects of reaching established 2030 climate goals," the letter went on.

It also noted that it would disproportionately impact disadvantaged communities.

The letter asked that the AGs formally request the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to reject the delay. FERC has final say on any change to the MOPR.

Another letter sent by dozens of advocates in the New England Offshore Wind Coalition to NESCOE took Dykes and her counterparts to task for not showing leadership, saying that New England "is falling behind other regions that have already moved to eliminate discriminatory market rules like the outdated MOPR."

Much of the ire is focused on the ISO's claims of reliability concerns. Clean energy advocates say the ISO didn't specify what reliability problems would occur if there was no delay. And they say the states — especially Dykes, who has been leading the charge — should have pushed harder for that information.

They continue to criticize the ISO for its often-stated contention that fossil fuel generation, such as natural gas, is essential to ensure the grid has enough power. That assertion has been turned on its head in recent winters — including this one — when gas has been in short supply, bringing the risk that electricity supplies could be strained when gas is diverted for heating.

Reliability vs. renewables

"We need to stop pitting reliability against clean energy," said Jeremy McDiarmid, NECEC's vice president for policy and government affairs. "We need to ask more of ISO than to just focus solely on reliability. Reliability matters, to be clear. But it's not the only thing. And we need to find solutions to encourage the clean energy resources to come online while keeping the lights on at the same time."

He said reverting to fossil fuel as the first reaction to any question about reliability on the part of the ISO has to end.

"I think that perspective misses the moment," he said. "ISO needs to evolve. I think we don't want this to be a battle between reliability and clean energy, because we firmly believe you can have both, and we need to ask ISO to do both."

A recent study from Stanford University supports that belief. It finds "that all states and regions can maintain grid stability (avoid blackouts), despite variable and extreme weather, while providing 100% of their all-purpose energy" from wind, water and solar power plus energy storage.

Dykes has had plenty of conversations with the ISO. And the MOPR situation brings up all the issues in them — unvarnished.

"You have to ask yourself: Who has confidence in the ISO-New England's fragile capacity market and its ability to motivate sufficient investment in the resources that we need to keep the lights on year round today, let alone in 2030 or 2040? I don't," she said. "I share the frustrations that people have around the ISO kind of shifting its preference from an immediate end to the MOPR to a transition proposal coming up so late in the stakeholder process."

But she added: "The important fundamental is that the MOPR is ending."

But when?

A spokesman for the ISO disputed that the eight-month process that ended in the controversial transition had been solely focused on ending the MOPR for the 2023 capacity auction.

"When we first announced plans to begin a stakeholder process, we did say we would focus on the reliability of the system," said Matt Kakley. "We went in with an open mind."

He pointed to delays in the last few years for major renewable systems. New Hampshire and Maine have both turned down transmission projects to bring in additional hydropower from Canada. Offshore wind progressed at a snail's pace during the Trump years, and there have been other slowdowns due to local communities fighting transmission connection hubs and multiple lawsuits from fishing interests.

"Resources that are retiring are on schedule, while new resources to replace them have had delays or cancellations," he said. "We believe this is the best path forward."

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Is the 'backdoor' Roth dead?

This Q&A is devoted to your questions about Roth IRAs and other retirement planning options. Send me your questions by going to jillonmoney.com and clicking "Contact Us."

Q: I have been doing backdoor Roth conversions for the past five years, but I am hearing that Congress may not allow them anymore. Can you please explain?
A: Let's start with a little background. With a Roth retirement account, you do not take any tax deduction today. But like other retirement accounts, there is no current taxation on earnings or capital gains on trades made in the account. When you access and withdraw the funds after age 59 ½, there is no tax due. Additionally, Roth IRAs are not subject to Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs).

Currently, you can only use a Roth IRA if you earn below a certain amount of money. (Roth 401 (k)s and 403 (b)s do not have any income limitations.) However, if you make over the 2022 threshold amount ($204,000 to $214,000 married filing jointly and $129,000 to $144,000 for single filers), you can make a $6,000 ($7,000 if over age 50) contribution into a nondeductible IRA account and then convert it to a Roth IRA. The process has been called the "backdoor" into the Roth universe for higher earners.

The Build Back Better legislation that Congress has been contemplating would eliminate the ability to do a backdoor conversion, which has caused many to wonder whether they should proceed with their annual contributions. While it is possible that the legislation would be retroactive to Jan. 1, 2022, as we get deeper into the year it seems more likely that if the bill were to pass, it would become effective as of Jan. 1, 2023.

To be conservative, it may make sense to wait a few more months to see what happens.

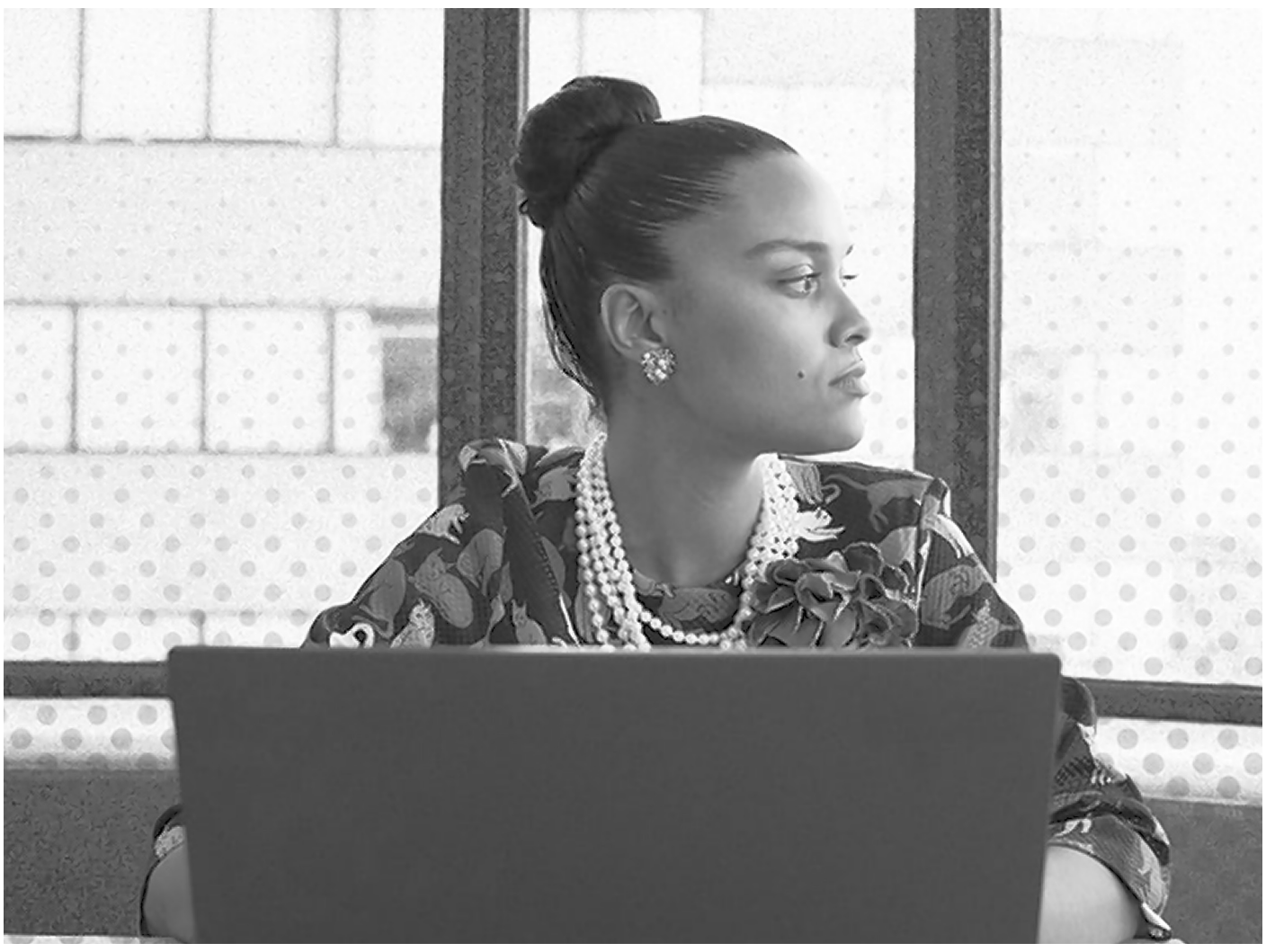
I have also been fielding questions about Roth accounts in general — and whether BBB is just the first step toward eliminating all tax benefits associated with the Roth status.

While one can never be 100% sure about future legislation, IRA expert Ed Slott reminded me that Congress likes the Roth because it brings in tax revenue today, rather than having to wait for it from folks who pull from their accounts in the future. Until we hear otherwise, I remain a big fan of the Roth and encourage people to consider it as one of the few ways to control future tax liability.

Q: I'm a single 28-year-old engineer and work for a startup that doesn't offer a 401 (k). I now contribute $6,000 to a Roth but want to save even more. What else should I do to save for retirement?
A: A plain old taxable brokerage account is your answer. Although you didn't say how much you make now, I assume that because you are contributing to a Roth, you are under the limit, which means that your tax bracket is historically low. I would argue that given your earnings capacity and the potential for higher tax rates in the future, you would be well served to pay the taxes now, and then invest the money in a tax-efficient index fund that does not throw off too much income.

Q: I have been converting my traditional IRA into a ROTH in the years before I'll need to begin taking RMDs. Does it make sense to continue to convert and pay the taxes now, before I have the added income that will come from those RMDs? Doing so will eat into my cash on hand.
A: Presuming you leave yourself with one year of living expenses on hand, I would continue with the conversions.

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5 biggest barriers *for Black professionals*

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From racial discrimination to wage gaps and more, people of color are still left to push for equity and their right to thrive in the workplace. According to a study conducted by Coqual (formerly the Center for Talent Innovation), over half of Black employees have felt racism at work. In 2021, the typical full-time Black worker earned about 20% less than the full-time white worker, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

While there have been some strides, Black professionals still face many obstacles at work. These are the five biggest impediments that Black professionals are facing in 2022 — and suggestions for what companies, allies and the workers themselves can do to break through.

Lack of transparency regarding compensation

While some governmental agencies, nonprofit organizations and publicly traded companies are mandated to share financial information — salaries, donations and spending practices — many companies cloak their internal compensation structures. This lack of transparency means that Black professionals do not always have sufficient information to measure whether they are receiving equal pay for equal work.
Companies: Normalize discussions regarding compensation. Honest conversations and audits should occur regularly to determine if there are any actual, or even perceived, pay inequities.
Allies: Share what you are earning. Think about it for a moment: Would you support an organization that paid you less than your peer for the same work? You have an important role to play in the checks and balances system of your company.
Black professionals: Knowledge is power. Do as much research as you can to figure out what the salary range is for your position. Use your social media reach to inquire if your network knows anyone in a similar role. If appropriate and applicable, find out as much about the salary and pay equity during the interview process and/or post hiring.

Pervasive implicit bias

Implicit biases — also known as unconscious bias — are social stereotypes about certain groups of people that individuals form outside of their own conscious awareness. Every human has implicit biases because they stem from one's experience, education, environment and exposure. In the workplace, these biases significantly impact who is recruited, hired and promoted.
Companies: Invest in training for your employees and leadership. Don't assume that everyone has the same anti-bias playbook and knows what to do. Also, a one-and-done training approach will not be enough. Invest the appropriate time and energy to create an ongoing psychologically safe space for conversations and breakthroughs to occur.
Allies: If you are the person who is being told that you are showing implicit bias, listen to the feedback and learn from the experience.
Black professionals: This is tough. You must rely heavily on your company and allies because you may not be aware that you are not being promoted or that you are being treated in a less-than-fair way, based on implicit biases. If you are aware of the implicit bias and its impact on you, take a metaphorical deep breath and slow things down before reacting.

Lack of recognition for intersectionality

Having a DEI program is not enough when you have a multicultural workforce. Internally, Black professionals are often lumped into one category — but Black is not a monolith. Black people from the Caribbean, Africa and America all have different cultures and traditions. Organizations that want to be inclusive need to recognize and celebrate these nuances. In other words, there is diversity within the diverse group, and there is no one-size-fits-all approach.
Companies: Allow Black professionals to define themselves and create their own employee-resource groups.
Allies: Resist leading with, "Well, I am this, this and this, so I understand where you are coming from." Well-intentioned people do this all the time to try to connect. However, in that moment, the person who is being "othered" or is experiencing race-related discontent is not looking for someone to tell them they understand their situation. They are looking for someone to see them and acknowledge what is happening to them.
Black professionals: Share your stories. Communicate what you want or need. Sometimes, well-intentioned people need guidance.

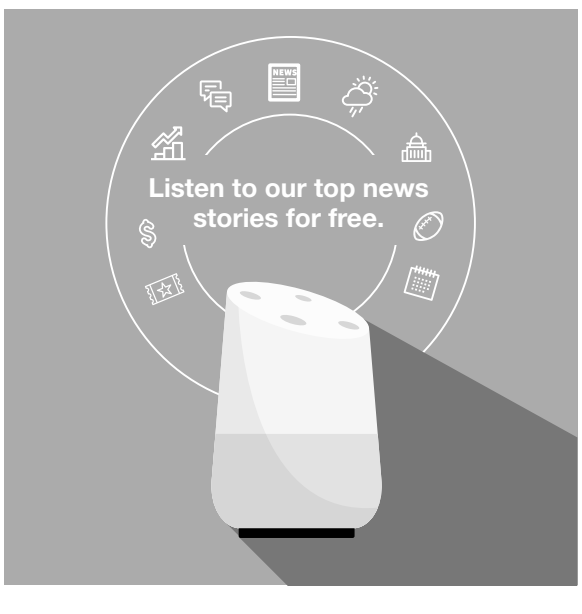
Diversity-hire stigma

In 2022, many Black professionals still face the misperception by many of their colleagues that they were hired because of their race as opposed to their qualifications.
Companies: Be transparent with the hiring. Share who the finalists were and convey why the person you hired was the better fit for the role.
Allies: Check your biases!
Black professionals: Make sure that you do not buy into the narrative of being a diversity hire — don't even joke about it. Do what you do best, and your work will speak for itself.

Ongoing impact of COVID

In the U.S., the economic impact of COVID-19 has disproportionately impacted Black professionals. Many have had to leave the workforce, voluntarily or otherwise, which, among other things, has resulted in widening gaps in career-growth opportunities.
Companies: Be transparent and share how the pandemic is impacting sales, revenue, hiring and goals.
Allies: Recognize that we are not all navigating the pandemic from the same position, and what works for you may not work for someone else. Extend grace.
Black professionals: Focus on what you can control. With the playing field changing almost daily, it is important to devote time, energy and resources to what is within your sphere of influence.

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Many investors are looking for conservative investments that will protect them against inflation. The recent fall in the stock market has many investors on edge, and they are looking for safe investments that will provide some protection of their asset base.

There are a few investments expected to provide some protection, namely Series I savings bonds and mutual funds and exchange-traded funds that invest in Treasury Inflation Protection Securities (TIPS). These investments theoretically protect investors against increases in inflation because their returns are linked to the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Unfortunately, some investors in TIPS mutual funds and ETFs have found that the value of their shares dropped significantly in 2022.

Note that there is a distinction between buying TIPS directly from the Treasury at TreasuryDirect.gov and buying TIPS in the form of shares from mutual funds or ETFs. You can purchase TIPS from the Treasury in terms of five, 10 or 30 years. You may hold them to maturity or sell them before maturity. Your principal will increase in value based on the CPI. At maturity, you are paid either the adjusted principal or the original price, whichever is higher. Interest is paid twice a year at a fixed rate and is applied to the adjusted principal. So, if the principal increases because of an increase in the CPI, the interest payment would increase. However, the interest is taxable in the year earned even though you don't receive the interest if you purchase the TIPS directly from the Treasury.

You can purchase TIPS mutual funds and ETFs from a financial institution, but they would not have the five-, 10- and 30-year terms. The advantage is that you would receive the interest paid semiannually. However, there is a major disadvantage: You no longer have the principal protection you have when you redeem the shares you purchased from the Treasury at maturity. When you purchase shares in the form of mutual fund and ETFs, there is no maturity date. Your shares will fluctuate in value and when interest rates increase, your shares will likely fall in value. This has happened in 2022, and I have received mail from investors complaining about the fall in prices. TIPS investors in shares purchased from mutual funds and ETFs are facing unanticipated losses.

The bottom line is that investors in TIPS who want to be sure their principal is protected should only purchase TIPS directly from TreasuryDirect.gov and hold them to maturity.

For example, the total return of the 10-year TIPS in 2021 was 5.5%. However, holders of TIPS mutual funds and ETFs are seeing significant losses in 2022. When interest rates are rising, the returns of TIPS mutual funds and ETFs are reduced.

Most investment advisers expect the Federal Reserve to increase short-term interest rates in 2022. So it is expected that investors in TIPS funds and ETFS will likely see a negative return on these investments.

If you had invested in these funds in prior years, you would have received good results for three and five prior years, and modest positive returns for the last year. But recent investors in these vehicles are seeing negative returns in 2022. Year-to-date returns for many of these has been -3%.

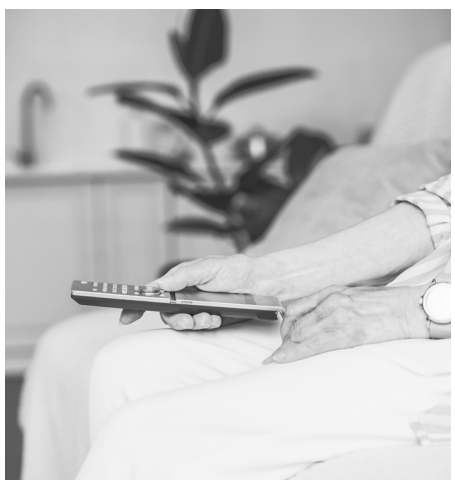
In general, for bond funds there is an inverse relationship between prices and interest rates; that is, when interest rates go up, the prices of bonds, and bond funds and ETFs, go down. However, most investors were under the false impression that, because TIPS returns also were based on the CPI, their principal would be protected, and they would be receiving a positive return. That has not been the case for short-term TIPS investments in TIPS mutual funds and EFTs in 2022.

So, again, if you are a long-term investor, you will be protected from inflation if you purchase TIPS bonds directly from TreasuryDirect.gov and hold them to maturity, or purchase I bonds and hold them for at least five years. (There are penalties if you don't hold I bonds at least five years.) You won't be protected if you are a short-term investor in TIPS mutual funds and ETFS. You can contact TresuryDirect.gov for more information about these investments.

Elliot Raphaelson welcomes your questions and comments at raphelliot@gmail.com.

Don't fall for that life insurance ad on TV

By David Rodeck
Kiplinger's Personal Finance



DREAMSTIME

It's a scenario that John Buenger encounters all too often at his independent insurance agency. People see an ad for life insurance on TV, but when they ask for more details, the policy isn't what they expected.

"The fine print on these ads goes by so quickly that when people call in to get more information, the conditions are totally different versus what they had in mind," said Buenger of the Rice Agency in Hagerstown, Maryland.

On the surface, life insurance seems simple enough in that all products follow the same general setup: You pay the insurer premiums and if you die, the insurer pays your heirs a death benefit. But there are different types of life insurance, and how the products differ isn't always made clear in a 30-second commercial.

The most common TV ads are for guaranteed-issue life insurance policies, said Kelly Maxwell, owner of the insurance brokerage Seniors Mutual in Pflugerville, Texas. Because these policies have no medical exam or health underwriting, anyone can qualify for them easily. "Insurers can potentially set up a policy in five minutes over the phone," Maxwell said, with coverage lasting for life.

If you're reasonably healthy and willing to take a medical exam, there are cheaper options. In fact, even applicants with moderate health conditions, like high cholesterol, may qualify for a lower price after taking a health exam.

Guaranteed-issue policies are often used to cover funeral costs because the amount of coverage you can buy is limited, usually up to a maximum of $25,000, whereas policies with a medical exam could insure you for six or even seven figures.

There are other drawbacks. Guaranteed-issue policies don't pay out a death benefit during the first few years. For example, a policy might state that if you die for any reason within three years after purchasing it, your heirs will only receive the premiums plus interest back, not the listed death benefit.

"Insurance commercials tend to gloss over these downsides," said Rafael Rubio, president of Stable Retirement Planners in Southfield, Michigan. "While there is a place for guaranteed issue when applicants cannot qualify for other policies, people who could meet life insurance health standards would receive a better offer by applying with a medical exam."

Life insurance that requires a health exam typically falls into one of two categories: term or permanent. Term is temporary life insurance. It lasts anywhere from one to 40 years depending on the term, with the quoted rate guaranteed only for the length of that term. If you outlive the term, the coverage ends. Depending on the contract, you may be able to renew, but the premiums will cost more because you're reapplying at an older age when you may have more health conditions, too.

Permanent life insurance, however, doesn't expire as long as long as you keep paying the premiums. The flip side is that because these policies are more likely to pay a death benefit, they initially charge more than a term life policy, roughly five to 15 times more at first. As a result, only smaller amounts of coverage may be affordable.

Permanent life insurance can also include cash value, letting you withdraw money from the policy while you're still alive. How the cash value grows and whether the premium remains constant depends on the type of permanent life insurance. For example, whole life charges the same premium for as long as you have the policy, and the cash value grows with a guaranteed return. A variable life policy, on the other hand, invests the cash value in market-based investments such as mutual funds, so the return isn't guaranteed.

David Rodeck is a contributing writer at Kiplinger's Retirement Report.



Terry Savage
The Savage Truth

Don't lose the beneficiary bet

I can't stress enough the importance of naming the correct beneficiary for your retirement accounts — IRAs and 401(k) and 403(b) plans. It's equally critical to update the named beneficiary on your old pension plans and life insurance policies, which you may have started years ago and likely forgotten. Otherwise, after your death a huge fight might break out with very unintended consequences.

These decisions — and new laws impacting beneficiaries — were the subject of a two-day workshop given by IRA expert Ed Slott of IRAHelp.com. Mistakes in this simple task can be quite costly.

All financial assets that have a named beneficiary pass outside your estate plan (your will or revocable living trust) directly to the person(s) you have listed. You can name one or two primary beneficiaries, and then a contingent beneficiary in case your first choice predeceases you.

Changing or updating your beneficiaries for IRAs and workplace retirement plans policies is easy. Just contact the plan custodian or, if you have online access to your plan, you can instantly change beneficiaries. You don't need signed documents.

Before deciding on a beneficiary, know the rules. If you leave money to a minor child, the courts will step in and name a custodian. You don't want your estate to receive the money as beneficiary. That can impact future tax-deferred growth of your IRA and trigger a tax bill.

Make sure your beneficiaries understand the withdrawal rules. Before the SECURE Act (which applies to deaths after 2019), beneficiaries of retirement plan accounts could let an inherited IRA grow over their own lifetime, taking out only small, age-based required annual withdrawals.

Now, most non-spousal beneficiaries must withdraw all the money in an inherited IRA by the end of the 10th year after death. They can do it gradually or wait until the 10th year and then take the entire lump sum — a decision that could have important tax consequences. (Notably, the 10-year withdrawal rule for non-spouses even applies to inherited Roth IRAs, which do not have required withdrawals for their original owners.)

These new 10-year withdrawal rules do not apply to a surviving spouse or minor children of the account owner up to the age of majority (or, if still in school, up to the age of 26), or to those who inherited an IRA before 2020. These beneficiaries still get to stretch the IRA over their lifetime, taking only smaller age-based withdrawals.

Slott's seminar documented numerous cases where courts ruled against intended beneficiaries simply because beneficiary forms were not updated or because pension laws superseded named beneficiaries.

Consider the man who named his three adult children as beneficiaries on his retirement plan after his first wife died. But then he remarried and died shortly after. The children expected to share his company retirement plan, knowing they were named beneficiaries. But the courts ruled that under ERISA law, the current spouse of a participant is entitled to all the money in the plan — since he did not sign a waiver to remove his current spouse!

Importantly, IRAs are not subject to ERISA law, and so in this case the named beneficiaries get the money, not the spouse.

And here's a new and shocking trend. More than 26 states have passed "revocation upon divorce" laws. Basically, they assume that an individual "meant" to take an ex-spouse's name off a life insurance policy or retirement account — so they disinherit the ex and pass the money on to the "contingent beneficiaries," typically the children. Yes, they can do that. So, if you meant to leave something to your ex-spouse via an IRA, you need to re-sign the beneficiary form — after the divorce — to make your meaning clear.

Don't make the mistake of failing to update your beneficiaries on all retirement plans and life insurance policies. Remember, when they discover the mistake, you won't be around to fix it. And that's The Savage Truth.

Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and the author of four best-selling books, including "The Savage Truth on Money." Terry responds to questions on her blog at TerrySavage.com.

A big vibe shift in the WFH revolution

By Clint Rainey | Fast Company

A report out today from the Pew Research Center suggests that the pandemic may be swaying Americans' attitudes about the office. A majority tell Pew that they've now started working from home simply because they can, not because they have to.

Pew notes that fewer workers are saying the main reason they're doing their jobs at home is because the office is closed.

Yet the number who are working from home hasn't really fallen: 6 in 10 U.S. workers capable of WFH tell Pew that their home doubles as their office either all or most of the time.

In October 2020, six months into the pandemic, this number was only slightly higher — 71% of workers. Meanwhile, during the same period, the number of employees working from home because their offices were closed fell almost by half — from 64% to 38%.

Granted, Americans have always been vocal proponents of WFH. Before anyone knew the string of characters "SARS-CoV-2," a 2019 Gallup survey reported that 43% of Americans already worked from home at least "occasionally," while a LinkedIn survey from around the same time found that 82% wanted to work from home "at least one day per week."

Pew's analysis of WFH attitudes comes from an even larger questionnaire that 10,000 U.S. workers answered the last week in January.

However, its WFH questions didn't include a few possible confounders — for exmple, what if workers just don't want to leave their homes in January because it's cold, not because they've given the office a thumbs-down?

Also, the omicron variant disrupted school classes and daycare again. Is it possible some working parents who had a "choice" between either WFH and arranging a more expensive form of childcare opted to work remotely to save money?

Whatever the case, shuttered offices no longer seem to be the primary reason for why people aren't showing up to occupy them, which signifies a paradigm shift many experts have been predicting for months.

Pew adds that 64% of survey participants say working from home has made their work-life balance easier, while only 16% say that balance has become harder.

Of the WFH crew, 44% agree it's "easier for you to get your work done and meet deadlines," versus just 10% who say it's gotten harder. The big tradeoff is, no surprise, human connection: 60% say they feel less connected to their colleagues, although there is a mysterious 4% who tell Pew this new WFH arrangement is somehow making them feel "more connected."

OBITUARIES BY TOWN

Avon
Marc E. Angers
Ellen M. Johnson
Beverly Loree
J. Christopher Rainey
Berlin
Eileen M. Barriere
Lois Penney
Gerald L. Ravagnani
Richard Stabert, Sr.
Bloomfield
Cecil W. Alston
Lesley A. Gallagher
Vincent Graham
Bristol
Alfred J. Robidoux
Janet E. Robidoux
Burlington
Joseph A. Voket, III
Canton
Mary D. Andersen
Marc E. Angers
Pamela Lentz
Debra A. Parker
Jeanette M. Tosca
East Hampton
Marjorie B.Z. Anderson
East Hartford
Napoleon Jarvis
Robert J. Taylor
Farmington
Beverly Loree
Helene Perzanowski
Elizabeth R. Sarnese
Joseph A. Voket, III
Granby
Edwin Lamphier, III
Lydia A. Oliver
Hartford
Cecil W. Alston
Courtney L. Baynes
Troy A. Hicks
Napoleon Jarvis
Gerald Francis Johnson
Virginia Killard
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Barbara A. Ripley
Carey Rocco
Eugene Rosenberg
Jeffrey Thomas, Sr.
Jeanette M. Tosca
Manchester
Frederick W. Spaulding
New Britain
Marjorie B.Z. Anderson
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Angela Dube
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Jeffrey A. Parker
Carey Rocco
Richard C. Torrey
Old Saybrook
Karen F. Avery
Other Towns in CT
Mary D. Andersen
Angela Dube
Peter C. Grassilli
Marie Lang
Raymond Ricciardone
Carol J. Saccoccio
David A. Steele
Alice M. Warchol
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Karen F. Avery
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Courtney L. Baynes
Edward M. Lorence
Melvin D. Munroe
Richard Stabert, Sr.
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Edna R. Johnson
Robert J. Kennedy
Barbara A. Ripley
Simsbury
Lea Ann Gostyla
Edna R. Johnson
Ellen M. Johnson
Edwin Lamphier, III
Eugene Rosenberg
South Windsor
Roland A. Chirico
Southington
Robert J. Hubeny
Vincent Iacobucci*
Catherine S. Porydzy
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Lea Ann Gostyla
Janet Kurlick
Robert J. Taylor
Windsor Locks
Troy A. Hicks

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OBITUARIES

Chirico, Roland Anthony



Roland Anthony Chirico (90) died Monday, February 14, 2022, surrounded by his family in his home in South Windsor, Connecticut.

Born in Hazleton, Pa, to the late Anthony and Madeline Pane Chirico, he lived in South Windsor for over 50 years.

The trumpet was Roland's lifelong passion and driving force.

Even though he was a veteran, a journalist, a teacher, a union organizer, a professor, a photographer, an avid bicyclist, and earned a Ph D; the trumpet was never far from his side.
In his final weeks, visits with dear friends and family brought much sharing, laughter and comfort. He said, "I've been a trumpet man. That's who I am, and who I've always been. I like that."

Roland began the trumpet at age 14. He served his country as a bandsman in the United States Air Force for four years. Until Covid-19's impact, he played regularly with a myriad of swing, salsa and dance bands in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

For 33 years, Roland entertained with quips, stories, song and tunes from the wonderful golden age of the Great American Song Book in his one-man show. Activity directors, music educators and facilitators alike welcomed "Roland, The Trumpet Man" into assisted living facilities, nursing homes, corporate venues, private parties and special events to the delight of their audiences.

Roland performed all over the world. He worked with Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Judy Garland, Johnny Mathis, Dean Martin, Danny Kaye, Andy Williams, Perry Como, Paul Anka, Aretha Franklin, Tom Jones, Diane Warwick and Liberace just to mention a few. He was also a featured trumpeter at four Presidential Inaugural Balls in Washington, D.C.

On the local scene he was an in-demand trumpeter, playing the lead chair with the top professional bands led by the likes of Paul Landerman, Dick Campo, Bobby Kaye, Al Gentile, Pat Dorn, Andy Nichols and Ed Cervany. He also served as Principal trumpet with the Oakdale, Bushnell, Storrowton, Goodspeed, Ivorytown Playhouse and Schubert Theater orchestras. Because of the breadth of his musical knowledge, Roland was frequently sought after to join community ensembles where he served as a mentor to up-and-coming musicians.

His stories were humble, and his chops were always in shape.

Roland supported his growing family of four with several accomplished careers. With each opportunity he asked himself, "Will this interfere with my trumpet playing?" If it did, he refused the job. Even though he was a first-call musician and often led the trumpet section, he once said that if asked to write an epitaph for his tombstone it would have to be, "He tried to play his trumpet."

In his first career as a journalist, he worked for several New England newspapers. His second career began in 1967 when he started teaching high school English. Soon thereafter he was persuaded to become one of the first teacher's union organizers in Connecticut. He also became a professor of English and Journalism at Manchester Community College where he remained until 1997.

Roland earned a Baccalaureate in Journalism at the University of Florida and Master of Journalism degree at Boston University. After a year of sabbatical, living on the Costa del Sol in Marbella, Spain, he earned his Ph.D. in 1981 and so became Dr. Chirico.

Roland was also a highly esteemed photographer. His achievements include winning a national photography contest, producing a slide show for PBS on the tobacco industry in the Connecticut River Valley, and being hired professionally to create many slide shows for numerous institutions and organizations.

In his community life he was a founding member of the Unitarian Universalist Society: East in Manchester CT. He remained active in the society for the rest of his life. Generations of society members became familiar with his frequent trumpet performances at events there.

Roland was an avid bicyclist. He enjoyed being in social cycling clubs and frequently organized family trips to enjoy the fall foliage and the nation's Capital.

With his family, he enjoyed traveling both in the United States and overseas. After the death of his mother, Madeline Chirico of Daytona Beach, Florida, he joined his father and two sisters annually for 14 years on "Core Four" trips to Italy, the Caribbean, and many American National Parks. After the death of his father, Anthony Chirico, he continued to join his two sisters on "Sibling" Road Scholar trips throughout the USA for another 14 years. He joined his sons, his sisters, and their families in "Chirico Extravaganza" family reunions in several states in New England.

Dr. Roland Anthony Chirico was predeceased by his beloved wife, Lynn O'Connor Chirico, who died July 20, 2021. He is survived by his four children: Mark Anthony Chirico, Issaquah WA; Marisa Hope Chirico of South Windsor, CT; Bruce Ralph Chirico of Glastonbury CT and Roland Mitchell Chirico (Judy) of Stafford Springs, CT; two sisters, Gloria Jean White of Atlanta, GA; and Lorraine Chirico Smith of Delmar, NY; five grandchildren: Nicholas Anthony Chirico, Vincent Matthew Chirico, Anthony Leonardo Chirico, MichaelAngelo Chirico, and Olivia Rose Chirico; one great-grandson: Oliver Joseph Chirico; and four step-children: Christine (Dawson) Church of Petaluma, CA, Gary O'Connor (Sylvia Galvan) of Southhampton, MA, Pohar O'Connor of San Mateo, CA, and John David O'Connor of Plymouth, MA.

A memorial service for both Roland and his beloved wife Lynn will be held on May 07, 2022 at 2 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Society: East located 153 Vernon Street West, Manchester, CT 06042

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Andersen, Mary D. (Stinneford)



Mary D. Andersen, 80, of New Hartford, CT died on February 20 at her home after a brave battle with cancer. She was the daughter of the late William and Catherine Stinneford. Predeceased by her husband Emile Daglio, she was the beloved wife of Hans J. Andersen for 17 years. Besides her husband, she leaves her children Suzanne (Skip) Krause, Mary (Scott) Eastman, Michael (Pauline) Daglio, Kenneth (Michele) Daglio and stepchildren Mark (Alison) Andersen and Lisa (Tom) Andersen. She was the proud grandmother (aka Peewee) of Emilee, Jacqueline, Jordan, Eli, Ben and Noah. She was predeceased by two brothers, William (Joyce) and Charles (Jane) Stinneford and leaves her sisters Catherine (Bob) Walther, Joanne Halsen, Elizabeth (Mike) Mosseau and her brothers John (Sandy) and Richard (Teresa) Stinneford. Mary also had many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.
Mary attended St. Bonaventure University and graduated from Colby College where she was part of the Delta Delta Delta sorority. She retired from the University of Hartford after a long and rewarding career. She was an avid reader and enjoyed a good crossword puzzle, traveling and college basketball – especially the Hartford Hawks and UCONN. She was a volunteer at the New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department.
Services will be private with a public celebration of life on June 18, 2022 from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm at the University of Hartford's 1877 Club. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Mary Andersen Library Fund, c/o the University of Hartford, 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06117. Please visit Mary's "Book of Memories" at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Anderson, Marjorie B.Z. (Zehrer)



Marjorie Bertha Zehrer Anderson died on Tuesday, February 16, 2022, at Middlesex Hospital in Middletown, Connecticut. She was 98 years old.

The youngest daughter of Vera Doris Ellis Zehrer and John William Zehrer, Marjorie, or "Marge" as she preferred to be called, was born on January 15, 1924, in New Britain, Connecticut. In her younger years she attended St. Mark's Episcopal Church in New Britain where she was Christened, confirmed, married, and her daughter was Christened.

She attended New Britain public schools and graduated from Central Connecticut Teachers' College (now Central Connecticut State University). She taught elementary school for almost 40 years in Ridgefield, CT, Piedmont, WV, East Hampton, CT, and Enfield, CT. She enjoyed her students and had a special fondness for the smart-alecks and troublemakers, whose behavior she could not condone in the classroom but often laughed about at home.

In 1948 she married Lester Carl Anderson, after he completed his service in the US Navy during WWII and his education at Columbia. They had met in high school. They lived in many places, including Ridgefield CT, New Britain CT, Piedmont WV, Middle Haddam CT, Somers, CT and Stuart, FL. Several years after Les' death Marge married George Hosford in 2000 and lived in Palm City, FL until George's death in 2007.

After her retirement from teaching in the 1980s, Marge volunteered in a number of capacities. She particularly enjoyed serving as President of her neighborhood association in Florida. She organized block parties and neighborhood picnics wherever she lived. She loved singing in the choirs of the various churches she attended. She was competitive at golf, tennis, cards, and is remembered by her family for somehow winning every family Easter egg roll for decades without ever breaking an egg. She was someone her friends and neighbors knew they could call upon for a ride to the doctor, help with a project, or a sympathetic ear.

Marge was active and vital until a stroke in 2015 left her unable to live on her own and she moved in with her daughter and son-in-law. Several years later, her declining health necessitated a move to memory care assisted living.

Marge is survived by her daughter, Leslie Anderson-Adams, her son-in-law Dave Adams, and many nieces and nephews. She is remembered by her nieces and nephews as "the fun aunt" with whom they enjoyed spending weekends and school vacations and whom they thought of as a second mother. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters Barbara Casey, Mary Dudley and Virginia Brockett, her husbands Les Anderson and George Hosford, and several nieces and nephews.

Marge never met a cat or dog that she didn't like and had many pets over the years. All were pampered and lived to a ripe old age, prompting friends to remark that they hoped to be reincarnated as part of Marge's menagerie. In lieu of flowers or other remembrances, please consider making a memorial donation to the animal rescue organization of your choice.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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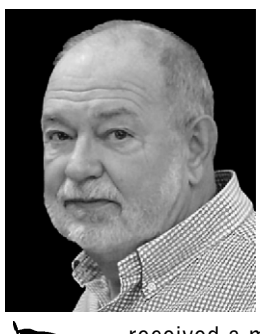
Dube, Angela



Angela (Cote) Dube, 91 of New Britain, wife of the late Armand Dube passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 at The Hospital of Central Connecticut after a long battle of Alzheimer's.
Angela was born October 17, 1930 in St. Agatha, ME.; the daughter of the late Elio and Lillian (Gervais) Cote. Educated in Maine, she later moved to Connecticut at age of 18.
Angela worked for various manufacturing companies in New Britain and retired in 1993 from Chandler Evans in West Hartford.
Together with her husband, they raised five children. She was a supportive mother and grandmother devoting her time to their outside activities and interests. She, along with her husband, cared for their youngest son Ronald, who was in an accident in 1977 which left him a quadriplegic who then passed in 2007.
Many summer weekends were spent with family and friends either camping or hosting family picnics. She enjoyed dancing with her husband Armand at the French Club and playing cards on Sundays. Her past time hobbies included sewing, knitting, crocheting, bowling, and playing bingo.
Along with her husband, Armand, and son, Ronald J. Dube; Angela is predeceased by her: son, Steven J. Dube, four brothers, Roger, Nelson, Joel, and Betrand Cote; and son-in-law Edward J. O'Looney.
She will be fondly remembered by her: three daughters; Beverly Dube-O'Looney, Jeannine Pellerin, and Pamela Salerno; five grandchildren, Brent (Suzzanne), Nathaniel (Liz) Russell, Jesse Selvey, Meghan Pellerin, and Kaitlyn Salerno; eight great-grandchildren, Paul, Seth, Zachary, Breanna, Nora, Collin Russell, Kyle, and Nicole Selvey; four great-great grandchildren; brother, Roland Cote; four sisters, Bernadette (Don) Michaud, Rachel Diagle, Theresa (Al) Boutot and Dianne Sacharko; two sister-in-laws, Jeannette Dube and Joline Dube Martin; and many nieces and nephews.
The family would like to express their sincere gratitude and appreciation to the staff at The Hospital of Central Connecticut, The Wolfson Palliative Care Program, CCCI, Keep Me Home and Angel Touch, and immediate family for their care, compassion, and love for Angela.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 10:30AM at St. Joseph's Church, 195 S. Main St. New Britain, CT 06051. Interment will follow immediately to St. Mary Cemetery in New Britain. Arrangements have been entrusted to Luddy-Peterson Funeral Home, 205 S. Main St. New Britain, CT. 06051. Share a condolence or a special memory of Angela at www.luddyandpetersonfh.com.

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Torrey, Richard C.



Richard C. Torrey, 79, of Newington, passed away on Tuesday, February 22, 2022. He was the beloved husband of Doris (Bernier) Torrey for 55 years. Born in Vergennes, VT, son of the late Richard and Ruby (Hamel) Torrey, he was a longtime Newington resident and a parishioner of the Church of the Holy Spirit. Richard honorably served his country in the U.S. Navy and received a medal for his service during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Richard retired from Pitney Bowes. In his younger years he enjoyed fishing and was an avid fan of the Red Sox. He will be remembered for his generosity, his kind and gentle spirit, his caring nature, and for being an amazing dad. Along with his wife Doris, he leaves his two children, Glenn Torrey and his companion Christina Caulfield of Newington and Megan C. Torrey of Newington. He also leaves his brother Aubert Torrey and his wife Luciann. He leaves his sister and brother-in-law Joan and George Ducharme, and niece and great-niece Alicia and Allison Pierce of Granby. He was predeceased by his sister, Mary Torrey. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Thursday, March 3rd, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Duksa Family Funeral Homes at Newington Memorial, 20 Bonair Ave., Newington. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, March 4th, at 10:00 a.m. directly at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 183 Church St. Newington. Military honors will follow the mass outside of the church. Memorial donations may be made to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society at https://www.lls.org/. To share a memory or condolence with his family, please visit us at www.duksa.net.

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Killard, Virginia

Virginia Killard, 88, of West Hartford, passed away peacefully Sunday, January 23, 2022. Born April 24, 1933 in Waterford, Virginia was a Certified Nurse's Assistant for many years.
Graveside Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, March 1st at 11:00am in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 140 Farmington Ave., Hartford, CT 06105. Arrangements are being handled by The Ahern Funeral Homes, Inc., www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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Decker Jr., Christian P.

Christian P. Decker Jr., an exceptional and beloved husband, father and grandfather, passed away on Saturday, February 19th, at his home surrounded by his adoring family. He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Arlene (Michalowski) Decker, four daughters and eight grandchildren. Chris was a dedicated educator, retiring after a distinguished career as an elementary school principal for the town of Newington. He was a passionate fan of the Boston Red Sox and UConn women's basketball.

The family will hold a private memorial service. Those wishing to honor Chris may make a donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in his name.

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Rosenberg, Eugene



The world lost a true hero and champion. Eugene (Gene, Poppy, "The Godfather") Rosenberg of Simsbury, passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side after a short battle with Pancreatic Cancer at 86 years young. The epitome of a mensch, everyone who knew Gene instantly felt the impact of his love, zest for life, and generous heart. His compassion for humanity was unparalleled and he had a way of making you feel like the most important person in the room when you were with him. The world was truly a better place because of his gentle soul.

Gene was born on May 2, 1935 in the South End of Hartford and graduated from Buckley High School. The son of Dorothy and Philip Rosenberg, and also stepmothers, Pauline and Sarah Rosenberg, whom he loved dearly but lost too soon. Gene was a lover of cards and all sports with the tendency to bet a few dollars on a game or two. He was an avid tennis player and was known to be extremely competitive in all aspects of his life. Gin was his card game of choice, playing all around the country during his lifetime, including winning tournaments in Las Vegas. His fondest memories are of playing with his "gin buddies" either at Tumble Brook Country Club or as it came to be in the last several years, at his home in Simsbury. The schedule was iron clad and the game was held three times a week. The word is, they may have played four times if Gene wasn't so slow. As much as he loved to play cards, his most cherished and precious time was the time spent with his family, lighting up each time he saw them. His joy for his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and family was a buoy that carried and brightened the lives of all. There was nothing more important than having his family around him to share laughter and love. Family was everything to Gene.

Gene came from humble beginnings starting his furniture career as a bookkeeper earning $40 a week. Over the years he built an empire that has employed thousands of people over many decades. He spent a lifetime in the furniture industry as the co-founder of Planned Furniture Promotions with partner and lifelong friend Paul Cohen. He also co-founded Bob's Discount Furniture with his cousin and true friend, Bob Kaufman. Gene was inducted into the American Furnishings Hall of Fame in 2013. He was a serial entrepreneur, involved in many businesses including a partnership with his son in law, Mickey Toro, at CTEC Solar located in Bloomfield, CT. He was actively involved in all of his businesses with not a day passing without a "check in" to see what the numbers were, but most importantly to see how "his people" were doing. He never found a deal he didn't like, but his intentions always were to help anyone in need.

Gene has mentored and helped thousands of individuals and their families. He has served on numerous boards and is a lifelong member of Congregation Beth Israel. He had a very special bond with the many Rabbis of Chabad House, especially Rabbi Gopin. As a pillar of the community and philanthropist, he will be remembered as a hero to his family, a savior for his clients, an iconic legend by the furniture industry and as a mentor and friend to all. His legacy for compassion, empathy, and business acumen will live on with his family and the people he has mentored along the way. The most important thing Gene leaves behind is his unconditional love and selflessness. He had an unmatched willingness to care for others without judgment. Gene was always there to lend a hand, share a laugh, or words of wisdom. He was most definitely a Hall of Famer in Life.

He is survived by his loving wife, soulmate, and true confidant of 48 years, Anja Edman Rosenberg. He lovingly referred to Anja as the "Olive' to his "Popeye." He also is survived by his daughter Donna Rosenberg Bricker and her husband Andy, son Gary Rosenberg and husband Aaron, son Michael Rosenberg and wife Ellen, daughter Pia Rosenberg Toro and husband Mickey, who he shared his home with. He is fondly known as "Poppy" to Rob, Sarah, Barry, Bethany, Matt, Nicole, Rachele, Alexandra, Hunter, Victoria, Hannah, Zev, Anthony, Danny, Marcella, Maddie, Mackenzie, Mya, and predeceased by his grandson AJ Bricker. With endless love for his many, many, adorable great grandchildren. He will forever be known as "The Godfather," a mentor and friend to many. He also leaves a large and loving family in Sweden, cherished cousins, and friends.

Gene has made many friends in his life, but no one is more special than David Lejfer. David has been Gene's confidant, sounding board, support system, and brother, who has literally been by his side for the last 16 years. A lifelong friend that the family extends endless gratitude to for all that he has done for Gene and all who love him. And without whom Gene's quality of life would have been severely diminished.

It's inconceivable to think how much more difficult this time would have been without the loving care provided by Gene's caregiver, Samuel. Sam has been by his side for the last three years and became not only a caregiver, but a member of the family.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to all of the staff, doctors and nurses at Hartford Hospital who cared for Gene throughout the years, especially Jeffrey Flaks, Patty Veronneau, Dr. Elias and his entire team. We would not have been able to get through this difficult time without all of their care and compassion.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, March 1st, at 11:00 am at Congregation Beth Israel located at 701 Farmington Ave, West Hartford, CT.
Masks will be required and for those who can not attend in person, a live stream will be provided using the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=congregation+beth+israel+west+hartford

A Celebration of Life will immediately follow at the Farmington Club located at 162 Town Farm Road, Farmington, CT 06032.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Gene's honor to the following organizations: Jewish Family Services-Anja Rosenberg Kosher Food Pantry, West Hartford, CT, Chabad House of West Hartford or Chabad House of Glastonbury CT, Charter Oak Cultural Center of Hartford CT, and Hartford Hospital. Funeral Arrangements provided by Weinstein Mortuary.

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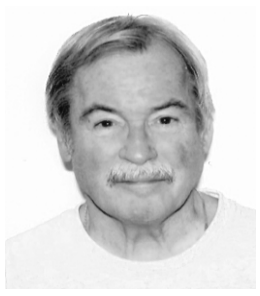
Rocco, Carey



Carey Rocco, 68, of Palm Coast, FL, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, January 14, 2022, at Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach surrounded by his daughters and friends. Born in Hartford, CT on August 29, 1953, he was the son of the late Nunzio and Elsa (Ostrem) Rocco and predeceased by his sister Mary Rocco-Lewandowski. He attended Bulkeley High School in Hartford, CT then served in the U.S. Marine Corps. After the Marines, he went back to school to earn his plumbing license. He spent most of his professional career at Hartford Hospital, where he met many of his lifelong friends. Before retiring, he earned licenses in five disciplines within the trades and worked for himself as a certified plumbing contractor. He was a man of many professional and creative talents. He loved being able to help his family and friends with projects and renovations in their homes. He lived in Newington, CT for more than 20 years then retired to Palm Coast, FL. His dream was to live by the beach and enjoy his retirement. He loved boating, fishing, and spending time with his friends and family. Carey is survived by his daughters, Melissa (Rocco) D'Angelo and husband Matthew D'Angelo of North Granby, CT and their 3 children, Dana Rocco of West Hartford, CT and her 2 children; his brother, Anthony Rocco of Englewood, FL; sisters, JoAnne Rocco of Hartford, CT, Leigh (Rocco) Hohman and husband Randy Hohman of Hebron, CT, Leslie Rocco of Naples, FL, and his brother-in-law Rich Lewandowski of Indianapolis, IN. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Jayden, Antonio and Melina D'Angelo, Colton Russo and Dominic Dubois; nieces, Tarabeth Rocco, Brandi Piacente and Kirsten Hohman and nephew, Keith Piacente. The family will receive relatives and friends from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. on Saturday (March 5th) at the D'Esopo Funeral Chapel, 277 Folly Brook Blvd., Wethersfield, CT. Private burial with military honors will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery, Glastonbury. To leave a message for the family, please visit www.desopofuneralchapel.com.

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Kennedy, Robert J.



Robert J. Kennedy, 74, of Plainville, died peacefully after a long illness, with his wife and best friend Susan by his side on Wednesday February 23, 2022.
Born on April 15, 1947, he was the only son of William and Yvonne Kennedy, and was raised and educated in Southington, graduating from Southington High School in 1965. He married the love of his life, Susan (Camerato) in 1970 making more than 50 years of priceless memories together. Bob was a mechanical engineer for Stanley Works for many years, and moved on to quality management at Perry Technologies from where he retired in 2012. A motorcycle enthusiast, Bob was a longtime member of the Meriden Motorcycle Club, where he leaves many friends and fellow bikers. A former power lifting champion, he continued to make physical fitness a priority, and was a familiar face around the YMCA. Bob was a dedicated volunteer for the Plainville Community Food Pantry, and enjoyed walking the beaches of New England with a cigar in hand on his family's annual summer vacations. He will be missed and remembered fondly by his family and wide circle of friends.
In addition to his wife Sue, he leaves his sisters-in-law, Ann Raucci and Kathy Narcum and her husband Ron; his brother-in-law Michael Camerato and his wife Cathy; many nephews and one niece.
In lieu of flowers, Bob may be remembered with contributions to the Plainville Community Food Pantry, PO Box 233, Plainville, CT 06062.
Honoring Bob's wishes, his family will celebrate his life privately. The staff at Plainville Funeral Home extends their gratitude to the Kennedy family for their trust. For online expressions of sympathy, please visit www.PlainvilleFuneralHome.com

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Johnson, Gerald Francis



Gerald Francis Johnson, 83, of West Hartford, died peacefully at home after a long illness. He was born January 21, 1939, in Hartford, son of the late James R. and Mary Ethelreda (Reynolds) Johnson. He grew up on Terry Road in Hartford and moved to West Hartford in mid-life.

He was a veteran, having served in the US Army. He was awarded a Good Conduct Medal and a Letter of Commendation upon discharge. Gerry spent his career at the Automobile Association of America in West Hartford, from which he retired after decades of service.

Gerry was devoted to his mother Ethel and spent years caring for her after his father's death. He was a devout Catholic who volunteered for St. Thomas Church, and often left family gatherings early because he had to "close the Church".

Gerry was an avid fan of "Law & Order", graduating to the CSI series later in life. One of his favorite meals was a pizza from the First & Last Tavern in Hartford. His eyes would always light up at the mention of it. A man of good humor & ironic wit, it is hard for those who knew him not to smile when thinking of him.

Gerry leaves behind two nieces, Victoria Underwood of Winsted, CT and Linda Grigerek, of St. Petersburg, FL. He was predeceased by his sister Rita Bakulski and his brother Richard Johnson.

The family would like to thank and honor his wonderful caregivers: Cora Wedderburn, who devoted many years of her life to his round the clock care, Jennifer Brown who has helped many of the Johnson family remain home in their later years, and Petal Benjamin-Robinson and Grace Tetley for their devoted service and the support they provided to Cora. Gerry may have challenged them, but he loved them all.

A memorial mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 am on Thursday, (March 3), at St. Brigid Church, 1088 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06110. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Brigid Church. A private burial service will take place at a later date. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com

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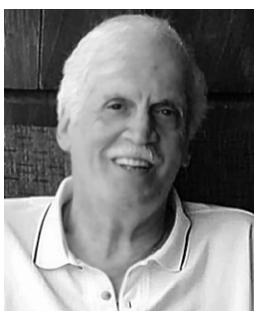
Steele, David Anthony



David Anthony Steele, 83, of Guilford, formerly of Middlefield, passed away peacefully on Monday February 14, 2022, at Connecticut Hospice in Branford. He is survived by his significant other Marlene Clark, who was at his bedside when he passed, and was predeceased by Roberta (Grant) Steele, his wife of 53 years who passed away in 2011. David was born June 25, 1938, in New Britain, Connecticut. He was the son of the late Raymond and Florence (Schmaltz) Steele, Sr. He had a successful career in the security hardware field, starting as a lock assembler for American Hardware, learning the trade on the factory floor from his father and eventually becoming a designer and consultant for master key and electronic security systems for facilities and buildings throughout the world while working for Corbin Russwin/Emhart/Stanley Black & Decker, Sargent Manufacturing, and Assa Abloy. He was an avid fan of John Wayne and a collector, especially of World War II memorabilia. David and his wife enjoyed traveling to collectibles shows and vacationing with family on Cape Cod. He also enjoyed decorating his Middlefield home at Christmas. Later, he found pleasure in long drives, visiting the casino, and watching the water from the Guilford shoreline. David was active for many years in the Middlefield Lions Club and Little League and served on the Middlefield Senior Advisory Board and as a director at the Middlefield Federated Church. He was a member of the Central Connecticut Magicians' Association and a Life Member of The Society of American Magicians. David is also survived by his sons David C. Steele and his wife Christine of Olympia, Washington; Donald Steele of Meriden; and Ronald Steele and his wife Lisa of West Hartford; daughter Lisa Roy and her husband Donald Roy of Middletown; sister Cynthia McComas of New London, Ohio; grandchildren MSG Michael Steele US Army, Heather Steele, Jeffrey Roy and his wife Sarah, Nicholas Roy, Chelsea Steele and her partner Katie Williams, Alexa Steele, Andrew Goldstein, Adva Goldstein; greatgrandchildren Tristan Lasky, Jameson Roy, Hazel Goldstein, Felicity Goldstein, Marion Goldstein; and several nieces and nephews. He is also mourned by the bonus family he gained through Marlene: her sons Mark Ludwin and his daughter Layne of Naples, Florida; and Michael Ludwin, his wife Emma, and children Connor, Cameryn, and Theo, of Guilford. David was also predeceased by his brother Raymond Steele, Jr., and sister Lois Stevens. A private service was held February 18, 2022. Interment at Middlefield Cemetery and a celebration of life will be held at future date. Memorial contributions may be sent to the National World War 2 Museum, 945 Magazine St., New Orleans, Louisiana, 70120, https://www.nationalww2museum.org/ or 504-528-1944 x290; or to the John Wayne Birthplace & Museum, 205 S. John Wayne Dr., Winterset, Iowa, 50273, 515-462-1044. To share memories or express condolences online please visit www.biegafuneralhome.com.

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Taylor, Robert "Bob" J.



Robert "Bob" J. Taylor, 80, of Windsor and formerly of East Hartford, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 11, 2022 surrounded by his caring family at his home. Bob was the loving husband of 45 years of the late Barbara (Wilk) Taylor. Born in New York, NY on June 17, 1941, a son of the late John and Marie (Ravagnani) Taylor, he had been a resident of the Hartford area for most of his life. Bob was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army. Prior to his retirement, Bob was a West Hartford Firefighter for 30 years and past President for 25 years of the IAFF Local 1241 of West Hartford. He was also Chairman of the Board for Capital Region Federal Credit Union for 25 years.
An avid sports fan, Bob was a longtime loyal fan of the UConn women's basketball team, attending several Final Four tournaments that they participated in. He was also a faithful fan of the Boston Red Sox. Bob liked playing flag football, cards, reading, and traveling with his late wife Barbara, family, and friends. Most of all, Bob was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather who enjoyed supporting and spending time during each week with his family and friends.
Bob is survived by one daughter, Deborah S. Fenton and her partner, Stacy Kelley, of East Hartford; one son, Daniel W. Taylor and his wife, Maria, of New Britain; six cherished grandchildren, Jennifer Laribee and her husband Adam of Watertown, Matthew Eason and his wife Ashley of East Hartford, Victoria Bernier and her husband Scott of West Hartford, Nicholas Fenton of East Hartford, Rebecca Fenton of East Hartford, Daniel Taylor of New Britain; three adored great-grandchildren, Logan Mounce and Greyson Laribee both of Watertown, and Anthony Eason of East Hartford. He also leaves two sisters, Kathleen "Kay" Frangione and her husband Frank of Southington, Suzanne "Sue" Cody of Windsor with whom he made his home; his partner, Deborah (Echelson) Wishnevsky of Windsor; two special dear friends, Katie (Symington) Marek of Bolton and Ed Fenton, Jr. of East Hartford; several nieces, nephews, and friends.
A memorial service celebrating Bob's life will be Tuesday (March 1, 2022) at 6 pm at the D'Esopo East Hartford Memorial Chapel, 30 Carter Street, East Hartford. Bob's family will receive relatives and friends on Tuesday afternoon from 4-6 pm at the funeral home chapel. Private burial will be held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Bob's name may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 200, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266. For on-line expressions of sympathy to the family, please visit www.desopoeh.com.

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Lamphier III, Edwin

In Loving Memory
Edwin P. Lamphier III, January 21, 1947-January 18, 2022. Edwin lived in Simsbury, CT and had worked for the Weatogue, CT postal service for many years. Ed is predeceased by his parents Edwin and Margaret Lamphier of Simsbury, CT and his sister Marcia Lamphier Ponds of Essex, CT. Post your memories of Ed at: https://www.carmonfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Edwin-P-Lamphier-III

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Mancoll, Harry

Dr. Harry Mancoll, of Cranston, RI, died February 17, 2022. Born in Hartford, he worked for many years as an optometrist here before moving to Rhode Island. He leaves his wife Terrie, sisters Isadora Safner and Tovia Siegel, and his twin brother Dr. William Mancoll. He is survived by six children.

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Spaulding, Frederick W



Frederick William Spaulding, DMD, 96, of Manchester, Connecticut passed away on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Frederick was born on July 30th, 1925 in Tampa, Florida to Frederick H. and Helen M. Spaulding. He grew up spending time in Tampa, Florida and Norridgewock, Maine. He graduated from Bowdoin College and Tufts School of Dental Medicine. He served as an officer in the Navy and Army earning honorable discharge from each. Fred established his orthodontic practice in Manchester, Connecticut. To this day, many residents of Manchester remember him for straightening their teeth, and the teeth of their children. In Manchester, Fred was active in the Dental Society, the Rotary Club, The Conservation Commission and as one of the founding members of the Manchester Land Conservation Trust. He was a leader in the preservation of Case Mountain and Center Memorial Park, and a supporter of The Manchester Historical Society. He participated in a reading program in Manchester elementary schools and was a supporter of CAST youth theater. Fred was a devout Anglican. He also attended several local churches including Emanuel Lutheran, The Salvation Army, and St. Mary's Church. He would often attend multiple church services on any given Sunday. He helped establish the Anglican Church of the Ascension that now meets in Mystic, Connecticut. A life member of the American Youth Hostel Association, he was an avid recreational cyclist and hiker. He was a leader in the Hartford Chapter of the AYH where he participated in many activities such as hiking and cycling with the blind. In his later years, he could be found bicycling on the rural roads of Connecticut and from time to time cycling to visit family members in Manchester. Fred is survived by his children, William C. and Ruth Spaulding, Frederick C. and Victoria Spaulding, and David M. Spaulding. He leaves two grandchildren Aaron and Sharon and brother David B. Spaulding. The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks for the care that he received at Vernon Manor during the final months of his life. A memorial service will be held at 10am on Friday, March 11, 2022 at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 60 Church St, Manchester, CT 06040. (masks required please). In lieu of flowers donations in memory of Fred W Spaulding can be sent to the Manchester Land Conservation Trust or Manchester Historical Society or dropped off at the service.

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Parker, Jeffrey Alan



Jeffrey Parker's official bio, at age 55, heralds him as a national leader in transportation and transit. And while that's true, it doesn't begin to describe his brilliant career that began as an intern at the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (The T) in 1985 while a student at Northeastern University. Jeff spent 20 years at the T. In 2005, the family relocated to Atlanta where Jeff began his career with Metropolitan Atlanta Regional Transit Authority (MARTA – streetcar, bus and metro / subway). He served as MARTA's Senior Director of Transportation Operations until 2008 when he was initially tapped to become the Deputy Commissioner and later the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Transportation. Jeff joined HNTB Consulting in 2011, first as a vice president and then as head of the Atlanta office in 2013. Marking one of his proudest professional moments, in 2018 Jeff was named General Manager and CEO of MARTA.

Born in New London, Connecticut, October 19, 1966, from early on, Jeff was driven and accomplished. At Newington High School he ran track and played trombone. He was an Eagle Scout and a member of the Order of The Arrow. During his college years at Northeastern University, Jeff met and fell head over heels for Erin Harlow. On an April night in 1989, after taking the T to the North End for dinner and a walk through the Boston Public Garden, Jeff dropped to one knee and asked Erin to marry him. Married on June 16, 1990, Jeff and Erin have been together ever since – traveling, exploring new food, taking Sunday morning walks, and binge watching TV shows. Daughter Gabrielle changed their lives in 1994 and Isabella joined the squad in 2000.

Jeff Parker died on January 14, 2022 by suicide. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Erin; daughters, Gabrielle and Isabella; parents, Walter and Jeanne of Berlin, Connecticut and his brother Greg; Uncles John Parker and Robert Comstock and their spouses; extended family members and countless friends.

A service in his memory will be held Saturday, March 19, 11:00 at Grace Episcopal Church, 124 Maple Hill Avenue, Newington. A Celebration of Life service was held at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Atlanta, January 29.

Please consider a donation to the Jeffrey Parker Memorial Fund at the American Foundation of Suicide Prevention. Mail a donation to AFSP 199 Water St, 11 FL New York, NY 10038 (indicate Jeff Parker Memorial Fund on Check) or donate on line at https://supporting.afsp.org/campaign/Jeffrey-Parker-Memorial-Fund

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Grassilli, Peter C.



Peter C. Grassilli, 81, of West Hartford, died on February 23, 2022, after a long battle with cardiac disease.

He was born April 30, 1940, in West Springfield, Massachusetts, the son of Carlo and Ida (Ferrante) Grassilli, and graduated from West Springfield High School, a member of the National Honor Society. He earned both a BS and an MS in Economics at the University of Massachusetts.

In 1963 he married his college sweetheart, Nancy, and after living in Massachusetts and New Jersey they settled in West Hartford where they raised their two daughters. They celebrated their 57th anniversary in November.

Peter left a successful business career in 1985 to pursue a lifelong dream of owning a hardware store and he spent 15 happy years there before retiring. Despite his health issues, he always had a smile and considered himself the luckiest - he loved spending time with his family, watching UConn Women's Basketball, playing blackjack at the casinos and walking at the reservoir with his dog.

In addition to his wife, Nancy (Beaton), he is survived by his daughters Lora Grassilli and Amy Chaple, grandchildren Allegra, Isabelle, Chloe and Collin and great-grandson, Robbie. He is also survived by his brother John. His family is especially grateful to Dr. Steven Cohen and the caregivers at St. Francis Hospital.

Calling hours will be held on Monday, February 28, 2022 from 4-7 pm at the Sheehan Hilborn Breen Funeral Home, 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford. A Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 10:00 am at First Church of Christ Congregational Chapel, 12 South Main Street, West Hartford. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the University of Massachusetts in his name. Online condolences may be made at www.SheehanHilbornBreen.com

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Lentz , Pamela (Bailey)



Pamela Bailey Lentz passed away surrounded by family on the evening of Wednesday, February 23, 2022. She was 66 years old.

Pam was born on July 27, 1955 in Washington, D.C. to Emily Fugitt Bailey and the late Frederick Bailey. Pam was the third of ten Bailey children. The family moved to Ashford, CT in 1968.

Pam loved the ocean, cooking, music and dancing (sometimes all at once). A passionate hostess, she loved to entertain and surround herself with friends and family. Pam was a cherished and dedicated member of her community. She was highly empathetic and a strong leader who focused her career on education and working with special needs students. Through her work in the South Windsor School District, The Learning Incentive/Ben Bronze Academy, and as a valuable member of Canton School District, she left an indelible mark on many lives.

For over two decades, her work at the Canton schools became a great source of joy for her. Selfless and compassionate, she had boundless energy to serve others, whether that be colleagues, students, or loved ones.

Pam is survived by her beloved children, Stephanie Lentz, Ben Lentz and wife Shalyn; grandchildren, Dylan and Eva Lentz; mother, Emily Bailey; siblings, Deborah Redman, Cynthia Bailey, Emily Bailey and husband Darrick McGuire, Holly Bailey, Wendall Bailey, Michael Bailey, Douglas Bailey and wife Lori, Timothy Bailey and wife Nancy, Orson Bailey; partner William Hurd; niece Hannah Stadterman and husband Drew, amongst many other nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her father Frederick Bailey, and siblings Annette Dubicki, Ruth Stafford, and Frederick Bailey Jr.

Pam is also survived by her loyal sisterhood of friends, The Ya Ya's. At first connected by their children, The Ya Ya's went on to enjoy many seaside adventures and created a special family of their own. Their sisterhood lives on through the Petitte Ya Ya's.

Calling hours will be held at the Vincent Funeral Home, 120 Albany Turnpike in Canton, on Thursday, March 3rd, from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Donations in her memory may be made to Hartford Hospital Department of Philanthropy, 80 Seymour St., PO Box 5037, Hartford, CT 06102. Please visit Pam's "Book of Memories" at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Munroe, Melvin D.



Melvin D. Munroe passed away peacefully on February 15, 2022 from failing health with close family members by his side. Melvin was born in Waterboro, Maine on August 25, 1934. He grew up in South Portland, Maine and graduated from South Portland High School in 1952. He married Patricia Harvey on March 21, 1953 and settled in Connecticut where they raised four children.

Mel served in the United States Air Force and was honorably discharged in 1957. Mel made a career change from milkman to teacher, graduating from Central Connecticut State College in 1968. He had a distinguished teaching career at Coventry High School in Coventry, Connecticut. He was beloved by his students and was named Town of Coventry Teacher Of The Year in 1988. He retired in 1994 and he and Pat fulfilled their retirement dream by moving to Citrus Park in Bonita Springs, Florida where they made many close friends. Mel was a proud member of the Citrus Park Softball League for about 25 years. In 2019 Mel was proud to participate in the Collier-Lee (FL) Honor Flight to Washington, DC which celebrated United States war veterans.

Mel was predeceased by his beloved wife, Pat in 2008; siblings, Raymond Clark and Virginia Lovejoy; his beloved cousin George Hazel; and grandson, Benjamin Lanning, Jr. He leaves behind his children, Michael (Joan) Munroe, Keith (Terry) Munroe, Gary Munroe and Dorothy Munroe; and grandchildren, Sarah, Peter, Faith and Jeremy.

Mel was a wonderful father and grandfather and had great faith in God which sustained him during his final days. Special thanks to Hope Hospice for their compassionate care and a very special thanks to caretaker Missy Beswick for her extraordinary dedication to fulfill Mel's wish to pass away at his home.

Donations in Mel's memory can be made to Hope Hospice, 27200 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs, FL 34135. Per Mel's wishes, his ashes will be scattered at Portland Head Light, Maine at a private family celebration this summer.

To sign Mel's guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

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Oliver, Lydia A. (Duprey)



Lydia A. Oliver, 94, of Granby, beloved wife for 37 years of the late Leo Edward Oliver, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 5, 2022, at Hartford Hospital. Born in Hartford on September 22, 1927, daughter of the late Charles and Anna (Rakowitz) Duprey, she was raised in Hartford and was a graduate of Hartford Public High School, Class of 1944. After high school, Lydia continued her education at Connecticut State Teachers College, now Central Connecticut State University, where she received her Bachelor's Degree in Education and later her Master's Degree. Lydia worked as an elementary school teacher and as reading specialist in the Avon Public Schools for over 25 years until her retirement in 1992. A longtime member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Lydia was past Matron of Hesper Chapter #71, OES in Simsbury and she served as the Grand Organist for the Grand Chapter of Connecticut, Order of the Eastern Star. Having lived in Granby for over 40 years, Lydia was member of the Granby Ladies Breakfast Club and participated in many activities at the Granby Senior Center. She was a member of South Congregational Church in Granby center where she sang and played the piano and helped to beautify the outside of the church every spring and summer with the Sow & Reap Garden Club. Lydia loved music and the arts and enjoyed attending concerts and plays. She leaves her son, Michael Cyr Mastranardi of South Portland, ME; her grandson, Graceson Michael Cyr of Portland, ME; two stepchildren, James Oliver of Santa Fe, NM and Jane Oliver of Corinth, VT; and two special cousins who lovingly cared for her over the years, Robert Tefft of Suffield and MaryEllen Tefft of Windsor Locks. A private graveside service will be held at the Granby Cemetery at the convenience of the family. Hayes-Huling & Carmon Funeral Home in Granby has care of the arrangements. For online condolences please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Thomas, Sr., Jeffrey



Jeffrey Thomas, Sr., 55 of Carteret, NJ beloved husband for nine years of Latanya C. Busby-Thomas, transitioned on Friday, February 11, 2022 at JFK University Medical Center in Edison, NJ. Born in Hartford, CT on March 27, 1966, to Clarence Thomas of Rocky Hill, CT and the late Lucinda (Simmons) Thomas. After graduating from Hartford Public High School, Jeffrey enlisted in the US Navy serving until his honorable discharge in 1989. Jeffrey worked with the State of Connecticut, Department of Corrections, retiring after 23 years. Supporting his wife's military career Jeffrey moved to Arkansas, lived in Kentucky and most recently in Carteret, NJ. In addition to his devoted wife Latanya, Jeffrey is survived by seven children, Dashawna Thomas of New Britain, CT, Jeffrey Thomas, Jr. (Lesonta) of Richlands, NC, Jeramey Thomas of Smyrna, GA, Ambere Thomas of Douglasville, GA, Justin Thomas of Hartford, CT, Jalen Thomas of Releigh, NC and Tajjee Thomas of Waterbury, CT; two stepdaughters, Jazmine and Alanda White of Columbia, SC; 12 grandchildren, Camron, Ja'Nae, Macai, Anfernee, Lyric, Ja'Nell, Zoey, Rahmel, Yara, Jeffrey III, Julez, and Juliana; brother Anthony B. Thomas of Hartford, CT; two sisters, Pamela Y. Thomas (Orlando) of Manchester, CT and Nicole Thomas-Sailor (Popi) of Hartford, CT; his father and mother-in-law, James and Lorraine Busby of Hartford, CT; two sisters-in-law, Courtney and Shannon Busby of Hartford, CT; six nieces and nephews, a great-niece, a God-daughter; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends. His family will receive friends on Friday, March 4, 8-9:30 a.m. followed by a Homegoing Service at 9:30 a.m., at The Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Rd., Windsor. Burial with Military Honors will follow in the Connecticut State Veterans Cemetery, Middletown. Carmon Windsor Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. For online condolences and to view the service live or after, Friday, March 4th at 11 a.m., please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Loree, Beverly (White)



Beverly (White) Loree, 88, of Farmington, beloved wife of Philip J. Loree for 67 years, passed away Saturday, February 19, 2022, at her home surrounded by family. Born in Hornell, NY, daughter of the late Royal and Nellie Louise (Saxton) White, she was raised there where she met and married her sweetheart in 1955. Beverly earned her BSN and RN from the University of Buffalo before starting her nursing career in Ithaca, and later in Brooklyn, NY. In 1965, Beverly moved to Port Washington, NY on Long Island where she lived and raised her family. She then moved back to her hometown of Hornell, NY with her husband for 16 years. She has lived in Farmington, CT for almost four years. Besides her husband Philip J. Loree; Beverly leaves her children; daughter, Barbara Rhodes of Wellsville, NY, son James M. Loree and his wife Rebecca of Farmington, son Philip J. Loree, Jr. of Port Washington, NY, daughter Elizabeth J. Loree (Liddy) and her husband Donavan Jones of San Diego, CA, and a daughter Pamela L. Eccles and her husband Simon Eccles of El Dorado Hills, CA; grandchildren, Jessica Boe, Julianne, Merin, Adelaide, and Abigail Loree; Leanna and Michelle Loree; and David and Kevin Eccles; brother-in-law William Loree and his wife Joan; and nieces Robyn and Diann White. Besides her parents she was predeceased by a brother, Zane White, half-sister Lenora, and brother-in-law John Loree. Private Funeral Services were held at the Carmon Funeral Home & Family Center, 301 Country Club Road, Avon, CT. Burial will be at the family's convenience in Riverside Cemetery, Farmington. Memorial Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of CT, for the purpose of supporting vascular dementia research: 200 Executive Blvd S #4b, Southington, CT 06489. For condolences, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Angers, Marc E.

Marc Eugene Angers, 70, of NYC, died February 18, 2022. A graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, Marc received a MPhil degree from Oxford University in England, and his MSW Degree in New York City. He was a Psychoanalyst for many years.
Marc leaves his mother, Nancy Angers, sister, Mary Ellen Angers and brother, Tom Angers. He was predeceased by his father, Eugene Angers.
Please visit his Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Lorence, Edward M.



Edward M Lorence, 77, of Wethersfield CT and Tequesta Fla., passed away on February 1st, 2022 due to Covid complications Born in Hartford on March 4, 1944 to the late Michael and Anne (Pikutas). He was predeceased by his brother James and his infant son, John. Edward grew up in New Britain and graduated New Britain High School in 1962. Edward was the Vice President and Secretary of Aircraft Welding & Mfg. in Hartford Ct. He loved the welding and aerospace industries. He went to work every day for the past 60 years Edward was also in the Army Reserve, West Hartford. Edward had many boating friends and loved to fish, especially from his own boat "About Time". He was a member of the Westerly Yacht Club, RI. Edward is survived by his wife of 55 years, Constance (Wysocki) Lorence. His brother Paul and Michelle Lorence of Rocky Hill. His niece Marina and nephew Dillon Lorence of Rocky Hill. Edward leaves behind his two daughters. Joanne (Lorence) Dively, her husband, Dale Sr., grandson Dale Jr. granddaughters Jennifer, Josie and Janie Dively of Tequesta Fla. and his grandson Jake Edward Dively and Ashleigh Rushlau of Wethersfield, CT. Also, his great-grandchildren Hayleigh and Allison Dively of Royal Palm Fla.
Kerri (Lorence) Podvarney, her husband Joseph and his two grandsons, Gabriel and Zachary Podvarney of Jersey City, NJ. Edward leaves behind many cousins, nieces and nephews. A private funeral for Edward will be held in Jupiter Fla. in the spring. Memorial contributions may be made to "The Billfish Foundation" 5100 N Federal Hwy #200 Fort
Lauderdale, FI. 33308. and or the "American Heart Assoc." 7272 Greenville Ave, Dallas Texas. 75231. TO leave condolences, please visit Farleysullivan.com

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Wright, Robert E



Robert Edward Wright, 85 died suddenly January 13 while visiting family in MI. He was born March 18, 1936 to Daniel and Elizabeth (Franemberg) in Brooklyn, NY. He was the beloved husband of the late Patricia Wright. Robert was employed for many years as a pharmacy technician for Arrow Pharmacy in St. Francis Hospital. He also worked at the Jordan Lane Stop and Shop until his retirement. He enjoyed golf, playing cards, watching sports, cruises, traveling to visit family, the many dogs he and his wife raised, and going to the casino. His 78 inch height resulted in the nickname "Big Bob". Despite many health issues he was upbeat and was making plans to finish his "bucket list". He was happy to be visiting his son in MI and enjoyed a trip to the casino the day before he passed away.
His memory will be cherished by his children: Robert Jr. and Sophie of MI and their children Robert III, Christopher and Nicholas; Robin Easter of VA; and Scott Wright of FL. He will be greatly missed by Patricia's children Deborah Katten of Berlin and Raymond (Susan) Manzi of West Hartford to whom he was a loving stepfather and friend. He also leaves grandchildren, great grandchildren and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter Susan, his brother Daniel, and a son in law Alan Katten.
His family greatly appreciates the outstanding care he received from his team of physicians, Dr.'s Kathleen Kennedy, John Pappandrea, Tapas Bandyopadhyay and Sudhanshu Mulay and the St. Francis hematology/oncology team. With their treatments we enjoyed many extra years with Bob.
Due to the pandemic funeral services will be private. His remains will be placed with Patricia in the Veterans Cemetery in Middletown. Those wishing to honor his memory may consider donating blood to the American Red Cross which supplied him with years of life saving treatments or the Smilow Cancer Center at St. Francis Hospital.

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Sarnese, Elizabeth R. (Corchock)

Elizabeth Rosella (Betty) Corchock Sarnese age 95, passed peacefully away on February 16, 2022. Born April 26, 1926, she was raised in Derry PA, the youngest of six daughters born to Nestor and Anna (Sprock) Corchock. On May 4, 1946 Betty became the bride of Mr. James Michael Sarnese. Together, they raised sons Terry and Rick in Latrobe PA with summers spent at their cottage "The Honeybee" on Canadohta Lake. Betty treasured time on the lake with immediate and extended family creating memories for all still spoken of to this day. Following Jimmy's retirement they relocated to New Port Richey, FL, where Betty continued her love of creating beautiful flower gardens and landscapes around their home. Several years after Jimmy's passing in 1993, Betty relocated to Avon CT to be closer to her sons and their families. In addition to her parent's and loving husband of 47 years, Betty was predeceased by her son, James Terry Sarnese of Farmington CT in 2017, sisters and brothers-in-law, Ann (Joseph) Toth, Catherine (Michael) Gazdik, Mary (Stephen) Krinock, Julia (Thomas) Lawry, Mildred (Richard) Larzarchik and several nieces and nephews. Mother, nanny, grammy is survived by her son, Richard Michael Sarnese of West Hartford CT, daughters-in-law Tsani Elizabeth (Rick) Sarnese and Christine Ferry, Grandchildren, Dominique Elizabeth (Michael) Grabulis, Gabrielle Michelle (Timothy) Nadeau, Michael Richard-Anthony (Brittany) Sarnese and James-Tristan Richard Sarnese. Great grandchildren, Adrianna Elizabeth and Isabella Victoria Grabulis and Austin Richard-Michael Sarnese. Betty had a deep love of family and enjoyment of gardening, decorating and flower arranging. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Abbey Cremation Services and Florida National Veteran's Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida. A private Christian service will be officiated by St. Anthony Abbott Church laying Betty to rest with her husband and son. In lieu of flowers or donations, the family would prefer acts of kindness be extended to others in her memory.

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Avery, Karen F. (Zitnik)



KAREN FRANCES AVERY (ZITNIK), 63, died February 10, 2022 in Springfield, Oregon from a short battle with cancer. Karen was born September 17, 1958 to Jim and Eileen Zitnik in Cicero, Illinois. Her family moved to Old Saybrook, Connecticut in 1958. She graduated from Old Saybrook High School in 1976.

In June 1996, Karen married Steve Avery in Ivoryton, Connecticut and they moved to Springfield, Oregon. Their daughter, Audrey Avery, was born in Springfield in 1997. Karen made a career cleaning homes in the greater Eugene and Springfield areas.

Karen enjoyed collecting lighthouse pictures, figurines, reading, watching movies, and family time. She was an amazing wife and mother. She was devoted to her family and enjoyed family time. She loved all sports, especially the Oregon Ducks. She enjoyed watching movies with her family. Karen was an amazing cook and enjoyed cooking many wonderful meals selected from her large collection of cookbooks. Karen enjoyed life to its fullest. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends and all who loved her. We all will miss her wonderful personality.

Karen is predeceased by her parents, Jim and Eileen Zitnik. She is survived by her husband of 25 years, Steve Avery, son Marshall Beatty (37), daughter Audrey Avery (24), her sisters Noreen Blessi and Cindy Downie, nephew JJ, niece Lindsay, granddaughter Mara Jane, and cats "Pablo" and "Leo."

Services to be announced at a later date.

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Voket, III, Joseph Albin



Joseph Albin Voket III passed away peacefully at home on December 25, 2021. He was laid to rest in Burlington Cemetery on December 31 with a private ceremony. He is predeceased by his loving wife Patsy and his parents Joseph and Stella Voket. He is survived by his two children, Dawn Voket Kelley of Harwinton and Joe Voket of Glastonbury, six adored grandchildren, four great grandchildren, his sister Janice Krukoski and her husband Bernard of East Hartford and many nieces and nephews.
Born in Waterbury, CT on August 31, 1937 he grew up in Trumbull, CT. He attended Fairfield Prep and Bucknell University before serving his country in the Air Force. While stationed in Florida, he met his beloved wife Patsy and moved back to CT to raise a family where they lived in Burlington for almost 40 years. After moving to the Gables in Farmington in 2000, they met many new friends and were blessed with the best caregivers. The family extends a heartfelt appreciation to them all for their priceless care.
Joe worked as a mechanical engineer, enjoyed golfing, music, dining out and spending time with family and friends for as long as he was able to do so. His outgoing, spirited personality and positive and gracious attitude will be sadly missed. Arrangements were handled by The Ahern Funeral Homes, Inc., www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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Johnson, Ellen M.



Ellen M. Johnson, of Avon, CT, passed away peacefully on February 18, 2022, at McLean Health Center in Simsbury. She was 100 years old on her last birthday. Ellen was born on September 14, 1921, in Buffalo, NY to Carroll "Glenn" and Jennie Corbin. In 1972, she moved to Avon with her husband, William Johnson, now deceased.
She was previously active in Christ Episcopal Church in Avon and Sound of New England Chorus (SONE), a chapter of Sweet Adelines International. SONE is an award-winning chorus which has performed at Carnegie Hall as well as other large group venues throughout the US. She loved singing and had many friends and adventures with SONE.
At Christ Church she was member of a needle point group which made covers for their kneelers showing colorful biblical scenes. Ellen loved animals and enjoyed rescuing two greyhounds, Babe Ruth and Prince. The morning of February 18 she was serenaded by a quartet from The Threshold Chorus of Greater Hartford which contributed to the peacefulness of her death.
Ellen is survived by her daughter, Marcia Wallach and her husband, Steve Wallach of Titusville, NJ; two granddaughters, Jennifer McLean of Portsmouth, RI and Sarah McLean of N. Hollywood, CA, as well as their mother Patricia McLean of Portsmouth, RI; and her niece, Ann Sullivan, of New Hartford. She was preceded in death by her husband, William H. Johnson of Stamford, CT and her son, Bruce McLean of Portsmouth, RI.
Ellen's burial will be private. Memorial donations may be made to McLean Affiliates, Inc., 75 Great Pond Road, Simsbury, CT 06070. Arrangements are being handled by The Ahern Funeral Homes, Inc., www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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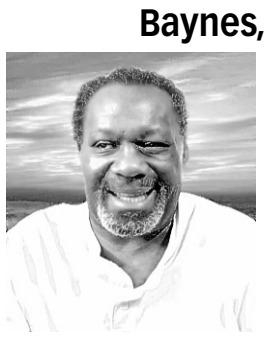
Ravagnani, Gerald L



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Gerald L. Ravagnani Sr., (Gerry), 82, on February 5, 2022 in Georgetown, TX. Gerry was born on February, 24, 1939 to Rita and Leon Ravagnani in New Britain, CT
Gerry is survived by his wife Joan Ravagnani and her extended family of Georgetown, TX, his three children, Gerald L. Ravagnani Jr. of Pompano Beach, FL, Jill Dymczyk and husband Jon, of Berlin, CT, Craig J. Ravagnani, of Ellenton, FL, his brother Norman Ravagnani and his wife Jackie, of Colchester, CT, and three grandchildren, Eric Ravagnani of St. Petersburg, FL, Joseph Ravagnani of Palmetto, FL, and Emily Dymczyk of Keene, NH. Our father was known for his sense of adventure and fun. We enjoyed many fishing excursions, wild toboggan rides in the winters, weekend beach outings and many other adventures. He also enjoyed traveling with his wife and spoiling their dogs. A remembrance in honor of our father will be scheduled at a later date this spring. Notification will be made via a phone chain. Please consider a donation to the Georgetown Animal Shelter, 110 Walden Dr., Georgetown, TX 78626, or an Animal Shelter of your choice.

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Baynes, Courtney L.



Courtney Lamont Baynes, 58, of Warminster, PA passed away peacefully on February 10, 2022 at Majestic Oaks Nursing Home. He was predeceased by his mother Alice and his son Courtney Jr. He is survived by his four children; Alice, Arlene, Aquizette and Coey.

Courtney grew up with a foster family after his mom passed away at age 3 with his sister in Hartford, Conn. and went to the American School for the Deaf in West Hartford, Conn. and graduated in 1983. He played three sports: wrestling, track, and basketball.

Before Courtney became completely blind at the age of 39, he was employed by the postal service. He eventually lived with his caretaker, Deborah Dee and her family who taught him how to be more independent at home as a deaf-blind individual.

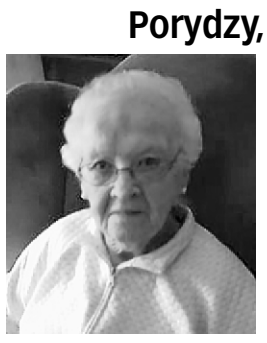
Courtney loved chatting about news, sports, history and enjoyed laughing with people and teasing each other. Everyone loved his loud laughs. He especially loved eating food and his favorite was BBQ Ribs.

A Memorial Service for Courtney will be held at Christ the King Deaf Church in West Chester, PA on Sunday, March 13, 2022 at 2 pm by Pastor Beth Lockard.

Donations in Courtney's memory can be made to the American School for the Deaf, ATTN: Eliz LaRosa, 139 N. Main St., West Hartford, CT 06107 (Memo: Courtney Baynes, Class of '83).

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Porydzy, Catherine S.



Catherine "Kay" S. Porydzy, 97, of Southington, died peacefully on Saturday, February 19, 2022. She was born in Southington on January 15, 1925 to the late John and Margaret (McGarvey) Sargent and had been a lifelong Southington resident. Kay was the loving wife of the late Mitchell Porydzy and mother of her late beloved son, Mitchell J. Porydzy II. Mrs. Porydzy worked for many years, alongside her husband and son, in the operation of Mitchell Motors Ford Dealership in Southington. She was a parishioner of Immaculate Conception Church and a lifetime member of Bradley Memorial Auxiliary. She volunteered for many years in the hospital thrift shop and gift shop. Catherine is survived by her sisters-in-law, Elsie Sargent and Terry Porydzy and also many nieces and nephews, including Robert Anderson and wife Judy, Richard Anderson and wife Mary, Annette Horner and husband Allan, Robert Sargent, Kathleen Noury and husband Dennis, Nancy Slesinski and husband John, Richard Sargent and wife, Mary all of Southington, and Jay Sargent and wife Sue of Maryland. She also leaves behind special friends, Maureen and Tom Murphy, Walter Hushak and Al and Dorothy Lalla, all of Southington. In addition to her husband and son, Kay was predeceased by her sister, Margaret Anderson and four brothers, Joseph, Lawrence, Richard and John Sargent. In lieu of flowers, donations in Catherine's memory may be made to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, 386 Park Avenue, 17th floor, New York, NY 10016. A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at the Plantsville Funeral Home, 975 S. Main St, Plantsville. Burial will follow in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Southington. Calling hours will be held before the service from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. For online condolences and directions, please visit www.plantsvillefuneralhome.com.

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Perzanowski, Helene

Helene Perzanowski, of Farmington, passed away peacefully Tuesday, February 22nd, 2022. Born in Rockville, she was the daughter of the late Victor and Helena (Piotrowski) Perzanowski, both Polish immigrants. When Helene was five years old the family, which included an older brother and three older sisters, moved to Torrington. She graduated from Torrington High School, Class of 1939 where she was voted "most likely to succeed" by her classmates. Following high school graduation, Helene graduated first in her class from Hartford Hospital School of Nursing in 1942 where she was named an "Oliver Smith Scholar."
Helene earned her bachelor's degree at Columbia's Teachers College in 1947. Her first professional assignment was at New Britain General Hospital where she served as the Director of Clinical Instruction between 1947- 1951. In 1951, Helene began working at Central (then known as Teacher College of Connecticut) in health services where she was employed for 33 years. In 1983 the university recognized Helene's many contributions, awarding her the Distinguished Service Award.
In 1951 she went back to Columbia to earn a master's degree and then in the 1980's went to the University of Colorado to secure an APRN.
Following her retirement from Central in 1984, Helene took a position at Miss Porter's School initially as a short term replacement for the school nurse, however she ended up staying there for 10 years. Helene still found time to travel, including medical missions to China and East Africa. She also made trips to Europe, Australia and New Zealand.
She is survived by her nieces and nephews, Robert Price and his wife Carol of Rocky Hill, Carol Aloise of Harwinton, Jane Jurale of Farmington, Andrea Cerasoli and her husband Anthony of New York, and Susan Racolz and her husband Pierre of Harwinton and many great nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her three sisters, Stephanie Jurale, Genevieve Klonoski, Bernice Price, her brother, Chester Perzanowski and her nephew, James Jurale.
Funeral Services and burial will be private at the convenience of the family. Arrangements are being handled by The Ahern Funeral Homes, Inc., www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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Rainey, J. Christopher "JC"



Some lights simply shine as brightly as they possibly can. J. Christopher was such a light: a talented, dynamic, accomplished, visionary and humble man, who loved his family, served his country, and constantly enhanced those around him.

He entered the world on July 12, 1974, the youngest of three children born to Clifton Rainey and Claudette E. Rainey. The Raineys value God and family above all and instilled a passionate goal-oriented work ethic in each of their children. Affectionately known as Chris in his youth, even then he was always ambitious and always busy. He grew up and was educated in Avon, Connecticut; played the piano, was active in sports, and excelled in his studies. Chris was funny, charming, and intelligent. In 2003, Chris married the love of his life, Luz Medina. Luz and Chris have two beautiful children, Valentina and Manolo.

After attending Elizabeth City State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in accounting, in 1996 he joined the United States Air Force, where he served for 21 years. Known as "J.C." in military circles, he valued service to his country highly and attained the rank of Technical Staff Sergeant. JC received the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, Air Force Achievement Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Unit Award, AF Outstanding Unit Award with Valor Device with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, and AF Good Conduct Medal with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters.

While serving in the Air Force, J.C. obtained IT security operations and certifications, which only a small group of people in the world have achieved, including a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) license. Ultimately, his goal was to become a Servant Agilist Consultant.

But in 2017, J.C. sustained an anoxic brain injury, which robbed him of the ability to speak and move on his own. On December 8, 2021, J.C. transitioned from earth to glory.

To honor J.C.'s living legacy, last year his family and close friend, Frederick Gill, established the J. Christopher Rainey Endowment and Scholarship at Elizabeth City State University.

J.C. is survived by his loving wife, Luz, his beloved children, Valentina and Manolo, his parents, Clifton and Claudette Rainey (nee John), his brother Lamont Rainey (Melissa), his sister, Major Leslie Rainey Davy (Ansley), his special aunts Alice Gissendanner and Florence John, his nieces, Latasia Monae and Taylynn Simone, and his nephews, Caleb, and Cyrus, together with a host of other family and friends.

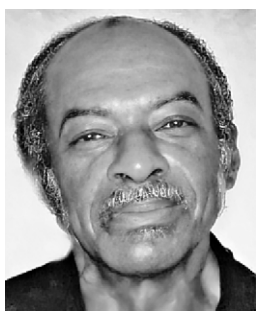
Rest in peace and in paradise, our dear J. Christopher. We love you!

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, please donate to the J. Christopher Rainey Endowment at jcraineyendowment.org

A Memorial Service celebrating the life of J.C. will be held Saturday, March 12, 2022, 1:00pm at:
Bethel AME Church, 1154 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002, Church Phone: 860-243-5778

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Jarvis, Napoleon



Napoleon Jarvis, 72, of East Hartford, CT, unexpectedly passed on Friday, February 11, 2022. Napoleon was born to the late Charlie W. Jarvis and Fannie E. Croxton on December 2, 1949, in Boligee, AL.

He leaves to cherish his memories his daughter, Shannon Jarvis; two sons Christopher Jarvis and Michael Jarvis; five brothers, Alexander J., Harry J., Johnny J., James C. and Tracy J.; two sisters, Delores H. and Patricia H., and a host of other relatives and friends. Services are entrusted to Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Service (A Division of Howard K. Hill Funeral Services), 94 Granby Street, Bloomfield, CT 06002. To view the livestreaming and full obituary, please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com

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Penney, Lois Keniston



Lois Keniston Penney, 93, died February 16, 2022, in Cromwell, CT. Lois was born December 28, 1928, in Medford, Massachusetts, daughter of the late Charles E. Keniston and Ruth (Dixon) Keniston. Lois was a graduate of Bates College in Lewiston, ME where she met her late husband, Rev. Hugh B. Penney with whom she celebrated 67 years of marriage.

Until her retirement in 1988 Lois had been employed by the New Britain Council of Churches, New Britain YWCA and the New Britain Chamber of Commerce. During her many years in New Britain and Cromwell, Lois volunteered for numerous eleemosynary agencies including South Church of New Britain, Center Church of Hartford, The United Church of Christ, Women's Fellowship, Larrabee Fund Association of Hartford, Literacy Volunteers of America, New Britain YMCA, RSVP and the New Britain Museum of American Art. Lois and Hugh were avid supporters of Bates College, and they received awards for many years of involvement and support. Lois and her husband hosted over 100 international students and guests in their home for extended periods and traveled together to all 50 states and 80 countries on all seven continents. Lois, always colorfully dressed, was the ultimate hostess, animated conversationalist, attuned listener, voracious reader, and creative writer

Lois is survived by her five children and their families: Hugh and Susan Penney of New Haven, Bruce and Jan Penney of Arlington MA, Paul and Angela Penney of Briarcliff Manor, NY, Shakeela Penney of Milford, CT, Kurt and Andréa Penney of Rockport, ME, 13 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren.

Services will be private and donations in her memory can be made to Literacy Volunteers of Central Connecticut, https://www.literacycentral.org/donate. Carlson Funeral Home, New Britain is assisting with arrangements. Please share a memory or not of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

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Gostyla, Lea Ann (Juhan)



Lea Ann (Juhan) Gostyla, of Bloomfield beloved wife of Thomas Gostyla, passed away on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at St. Francis Hospital at the age of 67. She was born in Macon, GA on June 27, 1954, to the late Marianne Juhan. Tom and Lea Ann were married in 1989 and raised their family in Bloomfield and Simsbury.

Lea worked as a registered nurse for over forty years, in the United States Army, schools, and operating rooms. She was employed for a short time at St. Francis Hospital, Bloomfield High School, and the Nursing Director at Westminster School. She finally worked and retired from Uconn Health Center, where she left behind an unforgettable legacy working alongside Dr. HP Makkar, in Dermatology and as his lead surgical nurse.

She lived and worked with passion to care for others and wore her heart on her sleeve which was evident to all who got close to her. She was a loving wife, mother, Yaya, and friend.

Lea Ann is survived by her loving husband, Thomas Gostyla, two daughters, Whitney Gostyla, and her daughter, Keeley of Bloomfield and Claire Rotchford and her husband Joseph and their children, Aurora and Duncan Rotchford of Gales Ferry. She also leaves her brother, William "Mac" Juhan and his wife Pennie of Macon, GA, and Tony Juhan of El Paso, TX; Ashley Hargrove of IL who she considered to be family. She has many devoted friends and extended family members who will miss her dearly. Lea will greatly be missed and has surely already began organizing things up above to meet her standards.

Relatives and friends may join the family for a visitation on Sunday, February 27,2022 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 26 Wintonbury Ave., Bloomfield, CT. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church. Burial will be private. Memorial donations in Lea Ann's memory may be made to the Joan C. Dauber Food Pantry at St. Francis Hospital. If you would like to donate food, please call 860-714-2845 or if you would like to make a monetary donation please visit, https://giving.saintfrancisdonor.com/?pid=1234 and choose "Joan C. Dauber Food Pantry" as the Area of Care. For online expressions of sympathy please visit, www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Gallagher, Lesley Ann

Lesley Ann Gallagher, 71, of Bloomfield, formerly of Bristol, passed away Thursday, February 17th, 2022. Born in Southington on April 3rd, 1950, daughter of the late Francis and Gladys Gallagher, Lesley attended Bristol Eastern High School and UConn. She began her restaurant career in New Orleans where she lived in the French Quarters for many years and studied with Paul Prudome. Lesley then moved to San Francisco, CA where she continued her career in Culinary Arts and became the principal owner of a well-known restaurant in Berkeley, CA. She moved to Washington, DC where she owned and managed several establishments. Upon her retirement, she moved to Bloomfield where she made her home for the past 10 years.

Lesley is survived by her sister, Patricia Gallagher of West Hartford, her brother, Peter Gallagher and his wife Connie of Clinton and her brother-in-law, Barry Lastra. She was predeceased by her beloved sister, Alison Gallagher-Coolbrith.

Per Lesley's wishes, there will be no services. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements are being handled by The Ahern Funeral Homes, Inc., www.ahernfuneralhome.com.

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Ripley, Barbara Ann (Dombroski)



Barbara "Bobbie" Ann Dombroski-Ripley, 82, passed peacefully with her family by her side on Saturday, February 19, 2022 in her adopted home of Allentown, PA. She was predeceased by her parents Edward Dombroski and Florence Mijeski-Dombroski.

Barbara had a love for gardening and fishing that began with her father and continued throughout her life. Her love of nature included camping, long hikes and canoeing. She had a love and talent for painting and was an extremely craft-oriented person.

Her love of cooking for a crowd transformed into "Ripley's Place" in Plainville, CT, a breakfast and lunch restaurant she owned and ran with her husband Randy for many years.

She is survived by her loving husband, Randy Ripley. Her children, Dawn Grabowski-Kroft of Allentown, PA, Dean Grabowski of New Britain, CT, Cheryl Grabowski-Gagnon of Cromwell, CT and Tracy Grabowski-Lunn of Murrietta, CA. She is also survived by her step-children Steven Ripley and Staci Ripley-Monzillo both of Plainville, CT, 10 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and her four-legged best friend Kendra.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held at a later date.

Online condolences can be made at www.lwottfuneralhome.com

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Tosca, Jeanette Marie



Jeanette Marie Tosca, born to Gertrude and Michael Tosca on March 14, 1928, passed away on February 12, 2022 at Cherry Brook Healthcare in Canton, with her brother Bob at her side. Jeanette was born, raised and worked at the Hartford Police Station in Hartford, CT, until moving to Cherry Brook four years ago. She absolutely loved her new home, the staff and the "best restaurant ever!" We would like to thank every staff member at Cherry Brook for the care, compassion and love they gave to her! We would also like to thank the McLean Hospice team for their support!

Our Aunt Jeanette devoted her life to taking care of her brother, Bob, with her favorite saying "The Lord will always be with you!" She leaves him and many nieces and nephews.

She is now with the Lord....seen driving around in her yellow Volvo, going antiquing with her sisters June and Ruth! We love you!

There will be a family memorial at a later date. The Vincent Funeral Home of Canton is caring for the arrangements. Please visit her Book of Memories at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Parker, Debra Ann (Sponcey)



Debra Ann Sponcey Parker, 67, of Canton, beloved wife of Ronald Charles Parker, died Sunday, February 20, 2022 at John Dempsey Hospital in Farmington. She was born January 21, 1955 in Hartford, daughter of the late Donald Robert and Florence Rita (Miller) Sponcey and had been a lifelong resident of Canton. Debra had a lifelong passion for gardening and was employed at the Wild Carrot Farm and the Josh Bristol Farm as their Seed Queen for many years. She had a gift for baking. A treat from her could turn around your day. Deb was an amazing Nana. Debra was an active, faithful member of the North Canton Community United Methodist Church.

In addition to her loving husband of 40 years, she is survived by her sons, Rory Parker and wife Jessie of Canton and Courtney Parker of Canton; her grandchildren, Max, Ella, Oliver and Bensen; her brother-in-law, Donald Scott and her two nephews and their families. Debra was predeceased by her sister, Cheryl Scott.

A celebration of her life will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, March 5th at the North Canton Community Methodist Church, 3 Case Street in North Canton. Donations in Debra's memory may be made to NCCMC, P.O. Box 311, North Canton, CT 06060 or to the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT 06111. Please visit Debra's "Book of Memories" at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Ward, Cynthia (Dannin)

Cynthia (Dannin) Ward, 79, of West Hartford, passed away on February 21, 2022. She was the wife of David Ward. Cindy was raised in Newport, RI and was daughter of the late Dr. Frederick and Jessie (Lidman) Dannin.

Cindy was a graduate of Cushing Academy, attended Russell Sage College, and graduated Beth Israel Hospital School of Nursing in Boston. She worked at Union Hospital in Fall River, Hartford Hospital, and for over 20 years at King Phillip School in West Hartford. She also worked as a nurse at the Summer Place camp. She was a long time member of Temple Beth Israel. She served on the Temple's board of directors, a past president of the Hartford chapter of Hadassah and served it's national board.

Cindy loved to play tennis and softball. She loved spending time with her children and grandchildren at 3rd beach in Newport.

In addition to David, Cindy is survived by her two sons: Charles, his wife Michelle and their children Marissa and Sam, Douglas, his wife Laura and their children Jensen and Brooke. She will also be greatly missed by her brother Dr. Robert Dannin and wife Jolie Stahl, as well as many friends and family.

A Graveside service was held on Wednesday February 23rd at the Beth Israel cemetery, Hartford. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Cindy's memory to Congregation Beth Israel, and Alzheimer's Association of Connecticut.

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Johnson, Edna Rose (Leithead)



Edna Rose (Leithead) Johnson, 60, of Tariffville, died Sunday, February 20, 2022 at home with family, following a long battle with breast cancer. She was born April 20, 1961 in Oaklyn, NJ, daughter of the late Robert and Josephine (Scelsco) Leithead and had lived in Westmont, NJ prior to moving to Simsbury, 32 years ago. Edna was a graduate of Haddon Township High School, Class of 1979, and had received her Associates Degree in Nursing from Capital Community College. She was a Registered Nurse for many years specializing in mental health and addiction services. Edna enjoyed spending time with her family and playing with her grandchildren. She treasured her role as Nana and embraced every moment. She had a passion for Sci-Fi and paranormal phenomena. Edna enjoyed documentaries, playing piano, and cooking.

She is survived by her two daughters, Kelly Esposito and husband Tony of Plainville and Christine Johnson of Simsbury; her siblings, Robert Leithead and Pat Marino and her beloved grandchildren, Gavin Esposito and Seri Johnson.

A private memorial service will be celebrated on Monday, March 7th at the Vincent Funeral Home, 880 Hopmeadow Street in Simsbury. Donations in her memory may be made to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Please visit Edna's "Book of Memories" at www.vincentfuneralhome.com for online tributes.

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Komorowski, Klara



Klara Barbara Komorowski of Newington and longtime resident of New Britain departed this life for her eternal rest on February 22, 2022 after a valiant battle with a prolonged illness. Klara was born in Poland on September 2, 1926 to the Uszcenko Family. She lived through and survived World War II, taking her to Germany, then life in England and Canada before settling in her "fifth and best country, America."In good times and in hard, dancing was her hobby and passion. She met her dance partner and husband, Jerzy, in Germany. Klara attended Holy Cross and Holy Spirit Churches. She was employed by CCSU for many years. A loving, devoted mother, wonderful homemaker, she will be dearly missed by her daughter Christine, son Edmund, nephew Jerzy Stepniewski, and angel and caregiver, Linda Santos. She was predeceased by her sisters Janina and Zofia, and caregiver Barbara Galkiewicz. Many thanks to her special caregivers and nursing staff at Bel-Air Manor. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 183 Church Street, Newington at 11:30am. The family invites friends to visit before the mass from 11:00-11:30 at the church. A private burial will follow at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Enfield. If you would like to honor Klara's memory, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org/donate. New Britain Memorial & Donald D. Sagarino Funeral Home, 444 Farmington Avenue, New Britain has been entrusted with arrangements. For an online memorial, please visit www.NewBritainSagarino.com.

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Foster, Salvatrice "Sally"



Salvatrice A. "Sally" Foster, 88, former resident of Windsor, passed away peacefully on Saturday, February 19, 2022.
Sally is survived by her children, Robert Foster, Jr. and his wife Joyce, Donald Foster, Elizabeth Koltz, William Foster and his wife Jana, Mary Louise Foster and her husband Kevin, Daniel Foster, and Thomas Foster; her siblings, Paul Buccheri, Andrew Buccheri and his wife Mary, and Ann Richotte; 10 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; her step-children and their families; and many other relatives and friends.
In addition to her parents, Sally was predeceased by her first husband of 49 years, Robert Foster; and her second husband of 12 years, Oscar Stewart.
A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, March 4, 2 p.m., at St. Damien of Molokai Parish, St. Gabriel Church, 379 Broad St., Windsor.
Burial will follow in Windsor Veterans Cemetery.
In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Sally may be made to the House of Bread, 1453 Main St., Hartford, CT 06120; Mary's Place, A Center for Grieving Children, 6 Poquonock Ave., Windsor, 06095; or St. Gabriel Church, 379 Broad St., Windsor, 06095.
To read the full obituary or attend the service remotely, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Ricciardone, Raymond



Raymond Ricciardone, 67, of the Plantsville section of Southington passed away on Sunday, February 20, 2022 at the Southington Care Center. He was born July 10, 1954 in Hartford a son of the late Pasquale "Patsy" and Frances (Quagliano) Ricciardone.
Ray's father Patsy opened the Manor Inn in 1976 and Ray along with his brother, sister, brother-in-law and sister-in-law have been involve with the day to day operations. He was past vice-president and treasurer of the Sons of Italy, he was an avid golfer and loved to cook and travel, and was a NY Yankee fan. Ray is survived by his three sons, Raymond Ricciardone Jr. of Plantsville, Alan Ricciardone and wife Catherine of Windsor and Pasquale Ricciardone and wife Kristen of Southbury; his sister Mary Joyce Cantone and husband Joseph and his brother John Ricciardone and wife Maria all of Southington. He also leaves his three grandsons whom he loved so much, Aiden, Austin and Noah; three nieces, Francesca LaRoche, Lena and Christina Cantone and two nephews, JP and Michael Ricciardone also with several aunts, uncles and cousins.
A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Friday, March 4, 2022 at 10 am directly at St. Aloysius Church, 254 Burritt St., Plantsville. Burial will follow at Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, 1 Cottage Grove Rd., Bloomfield. Calling hours will be held on Thursday, March 3rd, from 3-7p.m. at the DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St., Southington. Masks are requested to be worn at all services. For online condolences and directions please visit, www.dellavecchiasouthington.com

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Lang, Marie



Marie C. Lang was born in Meriden, Connecticut on May 9, 1945 and passed away peacefully at her home on February 24, 2022. Marie was a lovely person. She was an avid gardener and homemaker. Marie retired from Turbo Products after 35 years and spent her retirement time reading, doing crossword puzzles, working outside in her yard, canning and taking drives to sit by the beach in Westbrook. She also enjoyed a nice glass of wine. Marie was a communicant at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Essex and was a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Essex Veterans Club. She is survived by her life partner of 35 years, Louis Denette of Ivoryton, her mother, Santina Bean of Meriden, her sisters and their husbands, Donna Lott and Frederick Ariel of Deep River, Bernadette Niland and her husband Robert of Portland, CT, and Gerarda McIntyre and her husband Joseph of Southington. Marie also leaves her three children, Ann Foster of Colorado, Michael Lang of Florida and David Lang of Maryland and several grandchildren, and her nieces and nephews as well. She was predeceased by her father Bernard Bean and her twin brother John S. Bean. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in the Spring at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Essex followed by her burial in Saint Joseph's Cemetery in Chester. The day and time will announced at a later date. To share a memory of Marie or send a condolence to her family please visit www.rwwfh.com Arrangements are in the care of the Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home in Centerbrook.

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Pearlstein, Donald Michael

Donald Michael Pearlstein (August 5, 1934 - February 22, 2022), born in Brooklyn, NY was a lifelong New Yorker, creative, toy designer, and family man. Married 67 years, he is survived by his wife Patricia, three daughters, Caren and Stuart Hosansky, Jessica and Eric Zachs, and Nina and Harold Fetner, eight grandchildren, Aaron Hosansky and Laura Bagley, Stephanie and JV Doran, Benjamin and Paige Zachs, Jacob and Kate Zachs, Zoë Zachs, Samantha Fetner, Alex Fetner, and Emma Fetner and great grandchildren, Ezra and Levi Hosansky, Nora Doran, and Louis Zachs.

Donald, colloquially known as "D," loved a good joke, political banter (as long as the opinion was noted on MSNBC), an indulgent meal, and a vodka chilled with a twist. He lived and breathed New York. Whether visiting museums or a show, D lived his life to the fullest, never wanting to leave the city. For the bulk of his career, D was a toy designer, who felt his purpose was to bring others joy. He was a Veteran of the United States Army, serving in the Korean War as a Paratrooper.

More than anything, he loved his family. Hosting the Jewish holidays or bringing in Chinese food, his biggest joy was when he spent time with his wife, children, and grandchildren. He would always note, "Our friends are so jealous of the times we get to have with our family. They also cannot believe the dirty jokes."

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 24 at 11:00 AM at Riverside Memorial Chapel, 180 W 76th St, New York, NY 10023. A ZOOM link will be shared. Shiva will be at 100 United National Plaza following the burial and on Friday from 1:00 to 5:00pm. Contributions may be made to Dignity Grows at www.dignitygrows.org/donate or a charity of the donor's choice.

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Alston, Cecil W.



Cecil W. Alston, 91, of Bloomfield, CT gained his heavenly wings on Thursday, February 17, 2022, surrounded by his loved ones. Cecil was born in Burlington, NC to the late Cecil Alston and Callie (Warren) Alston on December 22, 1930.
A wake will take place on Monday, February 28, 2022, from 6:00pm – 8:00pm, with a Masonic Service starting at 7:00pm at Henry L. Fuqua Funeral Service (A Division of Howard K. Hill Funeral Services), 94 Granby Street, Bloomfield, CT 06002. A celebration of Alston's life will be held on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at 11:00am with a visitation from 10:00am – 11:00am at The First Cathedral, 1151 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002. Interment will follow at Mountain View Cemetery with Marine Honors at 30 Mountain Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to the American Cancer Society or a charity of your choice. To leave a message of comfort for the Alston family, view the full obituary and livestreaming of services, please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com

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Benoit, Teresa M. (O'Connell)

Teresa Mary (O'Connell) Benoit, 95, of Sanford, NC, formerly of Windsor, beloved wife of 72 years to the late Leonard L. Benoit, Jr., passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, February 20, 2022, surrounded by her loving family. Teresa was born on October 9, 1926, in Hartford, daughter to Thomas P. and Elizabeth (Frith) O'Connell.
Teresa was a homemaker caring for and raising her family before later working as a bookkeeper in the Hartford area prior to retiring to Carolina Lakes in Sanford, North Carolina. Prior to moving south, she lived in Harford, Bloomfield and Windsor.
Teresa is survived by her four daughters, Diane (Phil) Zambrello of Middletown, Carol (Bill) Evans of Tolland, Teresa (Charles) Mounce of Lake Wales, FL and Denise Gaines of Belmont, NH; her son, Leonard L. Benoit III (Kim) of Sanford, NC, with whom she resided and was her caretaker for many years; eleven grandchildren; fourteen great grandchildren , many beloved nieces and nephews and cousin Edward Frith. She was predeceased by her brothers Patrick and Michael O'Connell and sisters Eileen Guertin, Veronica Cote and Maureen Gallagher.
A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at St. Damien of Molokai Parish- St. Gabriel Church, 379 Broad St., Windsor. A time to gather will be held prior to the Mass from 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the church. Burial with committal prayers will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. To leave an online message of condolence for her family, please visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Hicks, Troy Anthony



Troy Anthony Hicks, affectionately known as, "Shan", 54, of Windsor Locks entered into eternal rest on Sunday, February 13, 2022. Troy was born on October 15, 1967, in Hartford, CT to Eglin (Taylor) Hicks and the late Rodney Hicks.
A celebration of Troy's life will take place on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 12:00pm with a visitation from 10:00am – 12:00pm at The First Cathedral Church, 1151 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, CT 06002. To leave a message of comfort for the Hicks family and view the full obituary, please visit, www.hkhfuneralservices.com

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Greenwald, JoAnn (Battoia)

JoAnn (Battoia) Greenwald, 77, of Vernon, beloved wife of 55 years of Larry E. Greenwald passed away peacefully after a brief illness on Friday, February 18, 2022. JoAnn was born on September 4, 1944 in Keystone, West Virginia, one of four children of the late Ferrie R. Battoia and Stanya E. (Mazinsky) Battoia. She was raised in Keystone, later relocating to Willimantic, Connecticut in the 1960s, before moving to Vernon in 2003. JoAnn was an avid reader and enjoyed spending time at the beach. Her greatest joy was her grandchildren. In addition to Larry, she is survived by her two children; Amber King and her husband Brian of South Windsor and Eric Greenwald of Vernon, four loving and special grandchildren; Andrew King, Sean King, and twins Michael and Evan Greenwald, her sister Regina Furches and several nieces, nephews and their families. She was predeceased by her brother Ferrie Battoia and her twin sister Julie Ann Carter. Funeral services are private and at the convenience of the family. There are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St Jude Children's Research Hospital. Samsel & Carmon Funeral Home in South Windsor has care of the arrangements.

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Kurlick, Janet



Janet Kurlick, 92, of Windsor, beloved wife of the late John Kurlick, passed away on Saturday, February 19, 2022.
Janet is survived by her children, John Kurlick and his wife Mary, Timothy Kurlick, Janet Huntington and her husband Peter, Brian Kurlick, Kevin Kurlick and his wife Sheryl of Windsor, and Colonel Thomas Kurlick, US Army, and his wife Mariah of Lakeland, TN; seven grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.
Her family will receive friends on Wednesday, March 2, 9:30-10:30 a.m., with a Prayer Service at 10:30 a.m., at the Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Rd., Windsor. Burial will follow in Windsor Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Windsor.
To read the full obituary or leave a condolence for her family, visit www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Graham, Vincent



Vincent Graham, 89, of Bloomfield, beloved husband for 58 years of Carol (Smith) Graham, passed away on Thursday, February 17, 2022.
In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Garland May, Alicia Strong and her husband Marcus, Vivian Davis, and Julina Graham Quinones and her wife Ana Quinones; his grandchildren, Dezron, Sharyce, Tyrone, Raven, Chara, Kie, Jason, Jennifer, Jorden, and Jocylen; his great grandchildren, Jayden, Jaceyon, Kiara, Ronald, Phoenix, Alysiah, and Michah; two brothers, Granville and Charles Graham; as well as a host of other relatives and friends.
His family will receive friends on Saturday, March 5, 3 p.m.-4 p.m., with a Celebration of Life, 4 p.m., at The Lodge Community Chapel, 130 Deerfield Rd., Windsor. Burial will be private. To read the full obituary or attend the service remotely: www.carmonfuneralhome.com.

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Saccoccio, Carol J (Mezzomo)

Carol Joan Saccoccio passed away on January 4, 2022 after a three year battle with ovarian cancer. She was a very complex person. She had the unique ability to be abrasive and soothing at the same time. She could infuriate you in one moment and melt your heart in the next. She wasn't a dressy kind of woman. She had natural beauty that was evident as soon as you were lucky enough to know her.
A better mother never existed. Devotion and love permeated her life. Not one person said a negative word about her. If you became part of her world, you experienced a feeling of security that you were sure would last as long as she lived.
CJ, as she was known to her friends and family, graduated from UCONN in the late 1970's, lived in Bolton for 35 years, and worked in the East Hampton Public School System as a Para-Educator for more than 30 years.
Carol leaves behind a son, daughter, granddaughter, and husband. Everyone she knew was touched by her light and was left a better person for knowing her. Life will be less enjoyable without her light. She will be sorely missed.
A memorial service is being planned for this spring. Details will be posted at a later date. Any donations in her name can be made to either the East Hampton Public Schools or to Ovarian Cancer research.

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Oregon data indicates that people far more often request lethal prescriptions due to perceived lessening of autonomy, or feelings of being a burden. A recent study has shown that a fear of going into a nursing home is much more likely to fuel a desire to hasten death than pain is. **MICHAEL PROBST/AP**

MEDICALLY ASSISTED SUICIDE

It's not that simple

By Lisa Blumberg

Senate Bill 88 represents another attempt to legalize medically assisted suicide in Connecticut, although all previous attempts have failed. Proponents of the bill tout it as giving choice and control to dying patients by enabling them to obtain a lethal prescription from a doctor that they can then use to die as they want when they want. Unfortunately, it's not that simple.

First, there is no magic pill for a gentle death. No assisted suicide law gives doctor guidance on what a drug prescription to end life should contain. In Oregon, it has sometimes taken people up to 72 hours to die. With doctors free to devise a cocktail involving multiple drugs and desiring to keep cost down, side effects like burned mouths or seizures can occur. Terry Law, a frequently active assisted suicide doctor, said, "There's lots of data on stuff that helps people live longer, but there's very little data on how to kill people." The focus of the FDA is, of course, to minimize drug toxicity, not maximize it.

Those who support assisted suicide also seem to discount how medical and societal attitudes, combined with inadequate practical support for people who are progressively ill or disabled, can influence a wish to die.

Implicit bias involves making often unconscious assumptions about a person based on factors such as the person's race/ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status, age or disability. Doctors and nurses seem to exhibit the same level of implicit biases as the general population, with growing evidence that a clinician's bias can impact the quality of a patient's health care.

In a recent study of doctors' perceptions of disabled people, 82.4% of the doctors surveyed felt that people with disability have a worse quality of life than others, and fewer than 57% said they strongly welcomed disabled patients. Lisa Iezzoni, the lead author and a health care policy researcher at Massachusetts General Hospital, said, "The magnitude of physicians' stigmatizing views was very disturbing."

Assisted suicide bills follow the Oregon model, leaving it up to doctors — any two doctors — to decide if a patient is terminally ill with a six-month life expectancy or less and thus eligible for a lethal prescription. However, such medical judgments are often wrong: 12%-15% of hospice patients outlive their six-month prognosis.

Implicit bias can influence the way a clinician sees likely patient outcomes. A doctor might assume a person's functional limitations indicate frailty, undermining their chance to withstand standard treatment. Doctors don't always get the distinction between disability — especially when it is progressive as it often is when combined with aging — and terminal illness.

Assisted suicide laws also direct that a doctor be satisfied that a person's decision to die is not being unduly influenced by another. It is not clear how office visits can yield this information. If doctors start with the presumption that a person's illness or accompanying disability inevitably diminishes his life, clues can be overlooked. The pandemic has caused depression rates to soar, and this is especially so among doctors. It is not fair to anyone to ask a health care worker who might be struggling or overwhelmed to evaluate the merits of an assisted suicide request.

Proponents of legalized assisted suicide tend to portray uncontrollable pain as the prime reason a person would want to die. Oregon data, though, indicates that people far more often request lethal prescriptions due to perceived lessening of autonomy, or feelings of being a burden. Indeed, a recent study has shown that a fear of going into a nursing home is much more likely to fuel a desire to hasten death than pain is. Such a fear is certainly rational, especially in this time of COVID-19. People with significant disabilities often live with it daily. However, this is a societal issue that must be solved by a commitment to broad access to quality in-home support.

The message behind assisted suicide laws is that it is reasonable for a certain subclass of people to want death hastened based on their health and disability. But a just community cannot make death the default option. Assisted suicide would not give patients more choice or control. Instead, it would be a reflection of the lack of choice or control that many people feel in our inequitable and beleaguered health system. This is unacceptable.

Lisa Blumberg is a Connecticut writer, lawyer and disability rights activist.

An ill-conceived disaster for Lamont and Connecticut



Kevin Rennie

Two top advisers to Gov. Ned Lamont announced in November 2019 that they had agreed to exploit "synergies" to make the state's school construction program more "efficient and effective." Details on those synergies were absent from an agreement two top Lamont advisers signed. We are learning daily that the decision was an ill-conceived disaster for Lamont, state government, and the public.

Department of Administrative Services then-Commissioner Josh Geballe and Office of Policy and Management Secretary Melissa McCaw moved the program that spends billions on building schools from the DAS to the state's budget office. (The agreement they both signed stipulated that Kostantinos Diamantis, who had been overseeing school construction at DAS, would continue to be in charge as he moved to OPM to become the deputy budget director.

Those synergies, if they ever existed, were forgotten long ago. The school construction program appears to be the focus of a federal criminal investigation for alleged contract steering. Synergies curdled into scandal. What an ugly recipe that will turn out to be.

No one would listen. Legislators raised objections to the November 2019 move, but they never did anything to reverse it. State Sen. Billie Miller, D-Stamford, asked Diamantis last March at a legislative hearing when the agreement on school construction transfer would end. "It expires with me," the former Democratic state representative said in happier times. His unintended prophecy came true.

Diamantis left both jobs in late October, weeks after this column revealed Chief State's Attorney Richard Colangelo had hired Diamantis's daughter as a $99,000 a year executive

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Gov. Ned Lamont continues to scramble to limit the damage being done by growing revelations of an alleged contracting scandal at the heart of his administration. **COURANT FILE**

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OPINION

EDITORIAL

The time to act on mental health care is now

State Rep. Tammy Exum has had conversations with parents whose children needed urgent mental health support but could not obtain it.

Exum is a West Hartford Democrat and deputy majority leader in Connecticut, which, by any data you might choose to use, is always listed as among the richest of states.

Connecticut is a state with $3.1 billion in its rainy-day fund, and we are expecting a $2.5 billion surplus. (Latest projections are that the state's budget surplus will be $1.48 billion in the current fiscal year and more than $1 billion next year.) And according to Gov. Ned Lamont, it's the third consecutive year of budget surpluses.

Yet, according to Exum, parents seeking to meet with a mental health provider for their child might be faced with a wait of three months or more.

We have to do better than that.

That kind of wait for families in crisis is unacceptable in a state that has enough in the bank to be considering tax cuts and is aiming to increase spending in a number of areas in the coming year.

Many lawmakers recognize this, and there have been proposals to address mental health, even in this short legislative session, from both sides of the political aisle.

For example, House lawmakers proposed a bill to address workforce development; it would provide licensure reciprocity for out-of-state mental health professionals, offer loan forgiveness and invest in further efforts to increase staffing, recruitment and retention, according to state Rep. Liz Linehan, D-Cheshire, who also is House chair of the Committee on Children.



Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Hartford has seen a "dramatic increase" in the number of children seeking urgent behavioral health care, as well as the severity of the illnesses. **MARK MIRKO/HARTFORD COURANT**

This comes as behavioral health care providers, child advocates and representatives of state agencies have for many months noted there is a surge in demand for urgent pediatric behavioral health care in Connecticut, a crisis worsened by lack of staffing, as Courant staffer Eliza Fawcett has reported.

Right here in Hartford, Connecticut Children's Medical Center has seen a "dramatic increase" in the number of children seeking urgent behavioral health care, as well as the severity of the illnesses, according to Howard Sovronsky, the hospital's chief behavioral health officer.

The bill Linehan described also would fund staffing of mental health clinicians and create evidence-based peer support programs in schools, and would address insurance issues, including eliminating prior authorization for in-patient care, among other measures.

Mental health is not a partisan issue, and GOP lawmakers also have pledged to address mental health care in the state, including for youths.

State Sen. Heather Somers, R-Groton, has noted there is "a mental health crisis" in the state and it was here "before COVID reared its ugly head." But she also has said the system of care is "disjointed, disconnected" and without a continuum. Like Exum she has said that the search for care is not easy and can be lengthy.

State Rep. William Petit, R-Plainville, who is a doctor, has said that more psychiatrists, psychologists, psychiatric APRNs, PAs and social workers are needed in Connecticut. Petit noted this need is a long-term one.

Connecticut is not an outlier in any of this.

As U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy pointed out in an advisory he issued in December, "Mental health challenges were the leading cause of disability and poor life outcomes in young people, with up to 1 in 5 children ages 3 to 17 in the US with a reported mental, emotional, developmental, or behavioral disorder," and this was prior to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Murthy

Further, according to Murthy's advisory, of the 7.7 million children with treatable mental health disorder, about half did not receive adequate treatment in 2016.

That's a staggering number of kids who did not get enough help, and Murthy's advisory also notes that between 2011 and 2015, "youth psychiatric visits to emergency departments for depression, anxiety, and behavioral challenges increased by 28%" and between 2007 and 2018, "suicide rates among youth ages 10-24 in the US increased by 57%."

But since the pandemic began, "rates of psychological distress among young people, including symptoms of anxiety, depression, and other mental health disorders, have increased," according to Murthy's advisory.

The cost is not known yet, but there is strong support for real change from lawmakers, practitioners and parents. The data is there across the country and in Connecticut, and the time for lawmakers to act on it is now.

As Exum notes: "Three months is a really long time when your child is in crisis and your family is in crisis, and you don't know how you'll get through three days."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fond memories of ex-Met Ken MacKenzie

Thanks to Dom Amore for his column about Ken MacKenzie [Sports, Page 1, Feb. 16, "MacKenzie came out a winner with lovable losers, the '62 Mets"]. I was on the freshman baseball team at Yale in 1971, and on occasion Ken would throw batting practice. We would struggle to make contact with his big, looping lefty curveball, which broke so sharply it looked to the batter like a ball falling off a table.

Jonathan Sporn, West Hartford

It's up to Congress to beef up border security

Dear Sens. Richard Blumenthal and Chris Murphy and Rep. Joe Courtney: The U.S. southern border is open and nobody is stopping the flow of migrants, drugs, criminals, drug cartel members or human traffickers from all over the world who are disseminated all over the U.S. under the cover of darkness. The definition of a country is one with definable borders, common language and laws specific to that country for the protection of its citizens. The current administration and its political appointees and the media lie or choose to ignore all of this for what? If the administration refuses to close the borders, it is up to you and Congress to do something. Why do you consistently support all of the administration's actions? Don't you have a conscience? Stop voting along party lines, show you have a backbone and come up with legislation to stop this attack on the U.S. The New York Post summed it up in a Betsy McCaughey opinion piece The Courant refused to print.

Larry Puzzo, Niantic

Educators well-versed in setting course agendas

I am chilled by the direction GOP lawmakers are taking in efforts to stifle the education of our youth by seeking to control and limit course content that could launch critical consideration of many issues including diversity. As a lifelong educator, I took my role to be that of a conduit of information to stimulate discussion and deeper understanding of complex issues. I believe six years of higher education prepared me to be a valued determinant of how to be that conduit. Some Republican lawmakers would now have us discredit the value of teacher education by suggesting parents have a responsibility and therefore a right to determine all content of study regardless of how they came by their convictions.

Parents have always been encouraged to be active participants in their children's education to include questioning course content if its purpose is unclear. But most professions recognize the logical need to have educated practitioners direct the process. Should we now also have a mandate to tell our physicians how to diagnose and treat us? Trust, transparency and inclusion will help advance education better than restrictions and mandates placed on professionals in the field.

Catherine Mattheis, Cheshire

Two questions for all midterm candidates

I am hoping that all candidates in the midterm elections have to answer the following two questions: 1) Do you believe Joe Biden is the legitimate president? 2) Was what happened on Jan. 6, 2021 an insurrection, instigated by the former disgraced president to overturn a free and clear election, or was it legitimate political discourse? In any debates between candidates on the local, statewide or federal levels, these should be the first two questions asked. If the answer to question No. 1 is no and the answer to question No. 2 is the second option, all debate should cease because you can't argue with crazy.

Kevin Knox, Litchfield

Rennie

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assistant. Diamantis, who denies any wrongdoing, claims he was fired for defending McCaw, ostensibly his boss, against the abuse heaped on her by some of Lamont's advisors.

Lamont continues to scramble to limit the damage being done by growing revelations of an alleged contracting scandal at the heart of his administration. Lamont recently referred to Diamantis, not long ago one of the most powerful members of the administration, as "some deputy at OPM." When Lamont was announcing an agreement advancing the long-delayed State Pier project in New London, he declared that he gave the speeches and "it's up to Kosta to deliver the goods." Some deputy at OPM indeed.

The school construction synergies were not referred to in the late 2021 agreement moving the program back to DAS, where the law said all along it was supposed to be. Lamont points to that as a quick reaction to scandal. The Greenwich Democrat continues to seem oddly incurious of the details of a scandal consuming his administration.

The school construction program is now in the hands of a Noel Petra, a Guilford Democrat (like Geballe), who is a vocal opponent of common sense oversight of government spending. In March 2021, former Courant columnist Jon Lender reported that Petra "blasted" the State Properties Review Board "for allegedly wasting time and money, as part of his legislative testimony for passage of a bill that would significantly curb the SPRB's power to approve and reject DAS initiatives."

"We spend hundreds and hundreds of hours every year ... explaining to them ... basic construction contract law, explaining to them 'basic 101' contract construction best practices. ... [T]hey don't have the expertise ... to understand the complexities," Petra testified at a public hearing, Lender reported. The SPRB has saved taxpayers millions since it was created in 1975. The SPRB, unlike DAS, has never been stained by scandal, a claim Petra cannot make of DAS.

Two related patterns are emerging. The school construction program appears to have been manipulated and perverted for the benefit of a few. The Lamont administration has been consistently hostile to transparency and oversight. Today, in the teeth of a corrosive corruption scandal, the administration continues to appear to disdain the public's right to know how its government conducts the people's business.

To further undermine public confidence in his administration, Lamont has appointed veteran Democratic operative Michelle Gilman to serve as DAS commissioner. Gilman skedaddled out of then-Secretary of the State Susan Bysiewicz's office in 2010, shortly after Richard Blumenthal, then in his 20th year as attorney general, issued a report criticizing the maintenance of a politically related database in Bysiewicz's office.

Gilman, who was Bysiewicz's chief of staff at the time of the database controversy, testified to investigators she had no idea who had entered the suspect information into the system. Gilman and Petra at DAS together are no one's definition of reform.

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COMMENTARY

We need to defeat Trump, now more than ever



David Brooks

The democratic nations of the world are in a global struggle against authoritarianism. That struggle has international fronts — starting with the need to confront, repel and weaken Vladimir Putin.

But that struggle also has domestic fronts — the need to defeat the mini-Putins now found across the Western democracies. These are the demagogues who lie with Putinesque brazenness, who shred democratic institutions with Putinesque bravado, who strut the world's stage with Putin's amoral schoolboy machismo while pretending to represent all that is traditional and holy.

In the United States, that, of course, is Donald Trump. This moment of heightened danger and crisis makes it even clearer that the No. 1 domestic priority for all Americans who care about democracy is to make sure Trump never sees the inside of the Oval Office ever again. As democracy is threatened from abroad, it can't also be cannibalized from within.

Thinking has to be crystal clear. What are the crucial battlegrounds in the struggle against Trump? He won the White House by winning Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin with strong support from white voters without a college degree. Joe Biden ousted Trump by winning back those states and carrying the new swing states — Arizona and Georgia.

So for the next three years, Democrats need to wake up with one overriding political thought: What are we doing to appeal to all working-class voters in those five states?

Are the Democrats winning the contest for these voters right now? No.

Among swing voters, things are particularly grim. A February 2022 Economist/YouGov survey found that 30% of independents approve of Biden's job performance. Working-class voters are turning against Biden. According to a January Pew survey, 54% of Americans with graduate degrees approved of Biden's performance, but only 37% of those without any college experience did.

Are Democrats thinking about how to win those voters? No.

Last week, two veteran Democratic strategists, William A. Galston and Elaine Kamarck, issued a report for the Progressive Policy Institute arguing that Democrats need to get over at least three delusions.

The first Democratic myth is, "People of color think and act alike." There have been differences between Hispanics and Black Americans on issues like the economy, foreign policy and policing.

The second Democratic myth is, "Economics trumps culture." This is the idea that if Democrats can shower working- and middle-class voters with material benefits, then that will overwhelm any differences they may have with them on religious, social and cultural issues — on guns, crime, immigration, etc. This crude economic determinism has been rebutted by history time and time again.

The third myth is, "A progressive ascendancy is emerging." The fact is that only 7% of the electorate considers itself "very liberal." I would have thought Americans would scream bloody murder when the expansion of the existing child tax credit expired. They haven't. Distrust in government is still high.

What do Democrats need to do now? Over the past few years, a wide range of thinkers — across the political spectrum — have congregated around a neo-Hamiltonian agenda that stands for the idea that we need to build more things: roads, houses, colleges, green technologies and ports. Democrats need to hammer home this "builders" agenda, which would provide good-paying jobs and renew American dynamism.

But Democrats also have to do something they're really bad at: Craft a cultural narrative around the theme of social order. The Democrats have been blamed for fringe ideas like "defund the police" and a zeal for "critical race theory" because the party doesn't have its own mainstream social and cultural narrative.

With war in Europe, crime rising on our streets, disarray at the border, social unraveling in many of our broken communities, perceived ideological unmooring in our schools, and moral decay everywhere, Democrats need to tell us which cultural and moral values they stand for that will hold this country together.

The authoritarians tell a simple story about how to restore order: It comes from cultural homogeneity and the iron fist of the strongman. Democrats have a harder challenge: to show how order can be woven amid diversity, openness and the full flowering of individuals. But Democrats need to name the moral values and practices that will restore social order.

It doesn't matter how many nice programs you have; people won't support you if they think your path is the path to chaos.

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Putin can ignore critics — for now

By Leonid Bershidsky
Bloomberg Opinion



Moscow police officers detain a woman Thursday during a protest against Russia's invasion of Ukraine. **KIRILL KUDRYAVTSEV/GETTY-AFP**

The day before the fake "referendum" that handed Crimea to Vladimir Putin's Russia in 2014, I marched against the annexation with tens of thousands of other Muscovites — but a majority of Russians supported the move, and Putin's popularity, measured by independent sociologists, soared to highs not seen before or after. Now that the dictator has launched an all-out attack on Ukraine, there will be no large-scale protests and no popularity bump. Seven years later, Russia is a different country — one that allows Putin to disregard it.

That, however, is hardly sustainable.

At the time of the Crimea adventure, Russia still had an active political opposition. Former deputy prime minister Boris Nemtsov was still alive and protesting loudly against the takeover. Most of my friends saw the move as the end of Russia's civilized European path, a major defeat for the freedom project launched by the fall of the Soviet Union. By 2022, the opposition has been crushed, chased into exile or underground. Nemtsov was assassinated in 2015. When Alexei Navalny speaks out against the war on Ukraine, he does so from a penal colony where he's been locked up for a year and being tried on trumped-up charges. And when one of his trusted lieutenants, Leonid Volkov, curses Putin on Telegram and expresses the hope that the dictator has bitten off more than he can chew, he does so from relative safety in a European Union country.

Some artists, TV personalities, writers and social network influences — not all of them still living in Russia — have expressed their shock and disgust. Journalists, academics and more than 100 local legislators have signed antiwar appeals. But none of them will lead a big march through Moscow streets: Putin's repression machine now works preemptively to neutralize protest. Activist Marina Litvinovich, who called for street protests Thursday, was detained. Those Russians who dare take to the streets across the land likely face the same prospect: Official warnings already have been issued.

But although there will be no footage of big marches to prove that not all Russians accept Putin's aggression, no polls will show a boost to Putin's popularity, either. The regime has largely gotten rid of independent pollsters, but even the Kremlin-loyal ones aren't registering Crimea-like approval levels. VTsIOM, for example, on Wednesday reported 73% support for the previous, much less radical Putin move — the recognition of the separatist "people's republics" of eastern Ukraine. In 2014, the same pollster measured the popular backing of the Crimea annexation at 93%.

A fresh CNN-commissioned poll shows 50% support in Russia for military action to prevent Ukraine from joining NATO — but even that number seems high. Russian respondents' mistrust of pollsters — what if they work for the authorities? — is a constant source of distortions.

In March 2014, Putin's support hit 80%, according to one of the few remaining independent pollsters, the Levada Center — and kept increasing as Crimea was integrated into Russia. Last month, with propaganda already blaring an anti-Ukraine message, Putin's rating stood at 69%, close to the pre-Crimea level. It's unlikely to rise when Western sanctions on Russia hit full force — and Russians know these are coming.

The Crimea moment was euphoric for many, since the peninsula was widely seen as both historically and ethnically Russian. Hardly anyone spoke Ukrainian there even pre-2014, and a lack of respect for Ukrainian authorities was palpable. The large Russian naval base, with a history of many wars, added to the perception, heavily promoted by propaganda outlets, that Crimea was "coming home." But Russian missiles raining on the outskirts of Kyiv and Kharkiv, arms depots blowing up near peaceful Ukrainian cities — that, for many of the same Russians who welcomed the 2014 annexation, is the stuff of nightmares. Ukrainians are broadly perceived as a fraternal people; according to official statistics, Ukraine is at the top of the list of countries whose citizens Russians are most likely to marry. No matter what Putin might say about "denazifying" Ukraine, too many ordinary Russians have family ties and friendships in the neighboring country; they know their friends and relatives are not Nazis.

Russia's biggest YouTube star, Yury Dud, spoke for many compatriots just before the invasion when he said: "I grew up in Russia, Russia is my motherland, and I'm proud to have a tattoo of the Russian tricolor on my forearm. But these days, my support goes to Ukraine, the birthplace of my kin and home to my friends."

Not that Putin cares, at least for now. It's quite possible that all the screw-tightening the regime has conducted in the last two years, the crackdown on the opposition, the greatly increased risks for street protest, came in preparation for this moment. Putin is so insulated from the Russian street now that his regime is not in danger, no matter what drastic and unpopular steps he takes. What is less certain is the longer-term picture, with increasing economic isolation, potential paralysis in financial markets, the loss of hydrocarbon export clients. Russia's financial cushion can last for a long time, but not forever if the West's resolve to maintain punitive sanctions endures. In a country as big as Russia, maintaining a climate of repression amid economic decline will not be an easy proposition even for a dictator as experienced and ruthless as Putin.

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'Follow the science' is a slogan, not a government policy

By Faye Flam
Bloomberg Opinion

Almost everybody wants to be seen as embracing science. That's true whether they are arguing to take masks off or leave them on, or whether they're pushing continued caution or a return to normal. The phrase "follow the science" has been used by the left to defend its COVID-19 policies and lobbed back by the right with a dose of sarcasm.

But America's pandemic polarization isn't about recognizing the importance of science. It's about what we do with that science, and when we decide to trade individual freedoms for collective safety.

Scientists can inform policy, of course, by collecting data and drawing inferences about risk. But it's policymakers who have the hard job of deciding how to balance those risks against other health or quality-of-life factors. For example, science can tell us that about 1,000 children have died from COVID-19 in the U.S. making it around the sixth or seventh leading cause of childhood death, below accidents, cancer and homicide. But science alone can't tell us what to do about it. Do we keep schools open or close them? Require students to wear N95 masks all day? Shaping policy requires balancing disease risk with less tangible factors like socializing and learning.

Politicians who claim they're "following the science" on COVID-19 are starting to look disingenuous. Some are using it to stifle debate. "I think it would be wonderful if 'follow the science' meant we should bring science into the debate, but what it ended up meaning was 'Our policy is the right policy and there is no alternative,' " said Rutgers Law School associate professor Jacob Hale Russell, who has been studying the relationship between expertise and populism.

"I think the use of (the phrase) that's problematic is when politicians are asked an important and tough question by a journalist and their answer is 'We're just going to follow the science,' " Russell says.

The slogan was the subject of a recent Washington Post article, and I was interviewed because I host a weekly podcast called "Follow the Science" which recognizes that the phrase has become politicized. Because of the title, I have worried that people might think I was taking a side — I wasn't.

That's because the battle is not about science. A decision to do everything we can to mitigate SARS-CoV-2 is not a scientific result or fact. "Science isn't capable of addressing key questions from equality to freedom to compliance to quality of life," risk communication consultant Peter Sandman said in an email. This might have been overlooked because science is so crucial for solving technical problems like creating a vaccine or identifying a new variant. But public health decisions don't have just one right answer.

Nonetheless, over the last two years "follow the science" has become an all-purpose answer to populist questions, objections and skepticism. That's likely making America's pandemic polarization worse. "Populism isn't a rejection of expertise but a backlash against the use of expertise to promote a monolithic position and drive out public discussion," Russell told me.

We talked about universal masking policies, which were implemented in the spring of 2020, based mainly on an educated guess that it might help. Those policies should be subject to open debate and revision in light of new information and a changing situation as this intervention goes from a short-term "flatten the curve" measure to a yearslong way of life. Similarly, the pros and cons of booster mandates should be open to debate without anyone being shouted down as an anti-vaxxer.

The one positive aspect of equating policy to following the science is that it gives policymakers the license to "flip flop," which shouldn't be seen as a bad thing. If studies show ventilation cuts COVID-19 transmission but deep cleaning offers no measurable help, then policy should incorporate that. When science is informing policy, changes in the evidence warrant changes in the rules.

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Alaudin Ullah, foreground, tells his life story in "Dishwasher Dreams," accompanied by tabla player Avirodh Sharma, at Hartford Stage Feb. 24 through March 20. **HARTFORD STAGE**

Finding his *voice*

Comedian Alaudin Ullah showcases his unique American experience in his one-man show 'Dishwasher Dreams' at Hartford Stage

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

If you spent much time in New York comedy clubs in the 1990s, you likely remember Alaudin Ullah. At the time, he went by the stage name "Alladin," but traveling to Bangladesh after his mother died he reclaimed that part of his identity.

"Every time I was in the Middle East, everyone pronounced my name properly. Here, people wouldn't get it. My mother used to say 'Why not make them pronounce it?' "

"South Asians have not had an authentic voice" in the arts in America, says Ullah. "I haven't seen an honest portrayal of South Asians."

His one-person show "Dishwasher Dreams," at Hartford Stage Feb. 24 through March 20, looks to change that. In the play he notes that "America is weird but I learned to turn it on them. Beat 'em at their own game! Have a sense of humor about the injustice."

"Dishwasher Dreams" is about Ullah's adventures as a comedian, writer, actor and the son of Bengali immigrants, as well as his childhood in the Spanish Harlem section of New York City.

But the show is also about his parents, particularly how he came to realize that their struggles in America were at least as hard as his own.

"We look at our parents as if they are from another world, as if we have nothing in common with them. But some of the things I experienced in comedy and acting, I now think if this is hard for me, what was it like for my father?"

Years ago, he left the full-time, late-night grind of comedy clubs and turned his talents to playwriting.

"Comedy is cute when you're 22, but when you're in your 30s it's different," says Ullah, now in his 50s. "I didn't want to end up bitter and cynical."

When not working on a slew of writing projects, as well as the forthcoming documentary "Bengali Harlem," he works for the New York Department of Education giving young performers advice on how to start their careers.

As a playwright he's studied with some of the greats: David Henry Hwang ("M. Butterfly"), Lynn Nottage ("Sweat") and Paula Vogel ("The Baltimore Waltz").

He had similarly been schooled in comedy from some of the greats in that field, including George Carlin and Paul Mooney. But the biggest lesson he learned, he says, was to not let other people tell him who he was.

"Without naming names, I've mentored a lot of people who've become famous, and told them to be true to themselves.

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COURANT'S ARTS PICKS FOR FEB. 27 – MARCH 5

From drag to jazz to opera

By Christopher Arnott
Hartford Courant

Broadway, Beatles music and the Beths. Dana Fuchs, Dream Theater and "Die Fledermaus." There's a lot of different sounds happening Feb. 27 through March 5 in Connecticut, plus some pretty pictures to look at when the Wadsworth opens its Milton Avery exhibit.

Broadway drag

The drag brunch at Chez Est, 458 Wethersfield Ave., Hartford on Feb. 27 from noon to 3 p.m. is "Brunch in Heels: Babes on Broadway," hosted by Loosey LaDuca and featuring Amethyst, Miss Frank and Mia E Z'Lay. $10; food is extra. chezest.com.

Jazz 'Improvisations Now' led by Morris

Unparalleled jazz improvisor Joe Morris leads an "Improvisations Now" concert with him on guitar, Tyshawn Sorey drumming, trumpeter and flugelhornist Stephen Haynes and vibraphonist Patricia Brennan, Feb. 27 at 2:30 p.m. at Real Art Ways, 56 Arbor St., Hartford. $15, $12 RAW members, $8 students. realartways.org.

'Die Fledermaus'

The second rescheduled performance of Connecticut Lyric Opera's "Die Fledermaus," postponed from January due to COVID, is Feb. 27 at 6 p.m. at Trinity-on-Main, 69 Main St, New Britain. trinityonmain.org.

The Beths in the U.S.

The Beths are from Auckland, New Zealand, so if you miss this U.S. tour you might not see them for a while. They're a global indie pop sensation, responsible for hip fun bouncy albums like Jump Rope Gazers and Future Me Hates Me You can prepare for seeing them at the Space Ballroom, 295 Treadwell St,, Hamden, on Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. by listening to their live album Auckland, New Zealand, 2020. $20-$22. spaceballroom.com.

The music of the Beatles

The title of the concert attraction "It Was 50 Years Ago Today" paraphrases a line from "Sgt.

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Connecticut museums and galleries offering exhibits

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Connecticut is rich with art galleries, museums and artists in all corners of the state, with gorgeous and engaging exhibits opening every week. Venues that are open to the public, as well as outdoor exhibits, are listed. Visit their websites for social distancing rules.

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Amistad Center for Art & Culture, inside the Wadsworth Atheneum at 600 Main St. in Hartford: "Changing Lanes: Mobility in Connecticut," a show of historic artifacts about the limitations of African Americans' mobility, is up until April 3. amistadcenter.org.

New Britain Museum of American Art, 56 Lexington St.: "Steel, String, Spit Bite: Selections from the LeWitt Collection" is up until March 18. "Walter Wick: Summer, Autumn, Winter and Happily Ever After" is up until April 1. "American Art in New Britain: The Evolution of the NBMAA" is up until Oct. 1. "Permanent Collection Installation: People and Places in America, 1960s to Today" is up until May 1. "Eva LeWitt" is up until Nov. 11, 2023. "The Poetry of Nature: Hudson River School Landscapes from the New-York Historical Society" is up to May 22. The Shantell Martin virtual reality space is now open. nbmaa.org.

Real Art Ways, 56 Arbor St. in Hartford: "Teeter/Totter Ken Morgan Peter Waite" is up until April 17. "Battlegrounds Elizabeth Flood" is up until June 12. realartways.org.

Mark Twain House & Museum, 351 Farmington Ave. in Hartford: The historical home museum is open for small tours, by reservation only. marktwainhouse.org.

The Hans Weiss Newspace Gallery at Manchester Community College, on Great Path Road: is showing the artwork of the MCC Visual Fine Arts faculty until March 11. manchestercc.edu.

Art League of New Britain, 30 Cedar St.: "Nothing But Flowers," a group show, is up to March 6. alnb.org.

Main Street in Hartford: A stroll down Main Street provides ample artworks to view. In front of the library, there is a sculpture by David Hayes and a statue of Mark Twain. Between City Hall and Wadsworth Atheneum is Alexander Calder's massive red "Stegosaurus." In front of the Atheneum are a newly refurbished statue of Nathan Hale

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Brianna Harlan, "Flight," from "What the Dark Knows," is on exhibit at Lyman Allyn Art Museum in New London. **BRIANNA HARLAN**



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and sculptures by Conrad Shawcross, Tony Smith and William Turnbull. Across the street from the Atheneumn is Carl Andre's "Stone Field Sculpture." Also across the street from the Atheneum is the Bushnell Towers sculpture garden. thewadsworth.org.

Marlborough Art Center, 231 North Main St.: The regional Student Art Show will open March 5.

Connecticut Historical Society, One Elizabeth St. in Hartford: "Albert's Odd Jobs: Making a Living in the 1800s" is up until April 16. "Common Struggle Individual Experience: An Exhibition About Mental Health" will be up until Oct. 15. Permanent exhibits are "Making Connecticut" and "Inn & Tavern Signs of Connecticut." chs.org.

Monastery Gallery of Art at the Holy Family Retreat Center: 303 Tunxis Road in West Hartford, presents an exhibit of works from the Community Partners in Action Prison Arts Program until Feb. 28. monasterygallery.art.

Galleries @ WORK_SPACE, 903 Main St. in Manchester: "Inspiration: Blank Canvas Show 2022" will be up from March 4 to April 20. workspacemanchester.com.

The Ethel Walker School, 230 Bushy Hill Road in Simsbury: "Cave Wall Paintings," a show of work by Aaron Caycedo-Kimura, and "Looking Up: My Hudson River Commute," a show of photographs by Katharine Swibold, are up until March 19. "Vex the Ending," a show of paintings by Steven Cabral and Tracy Hayes, is up until April 29. By appointment only by emailing calvarezdelugo@my.ethelwalker.org.

Kent Library 50 North Main St. in Suffield: presents work by Joe Burger until Feb. 28. suffield-library.org.

West Hartford Art League, 37 Buena Vista Road: A solo show of work by Richard Schlicher, who was Best of Show winner of the 2021 CT+6 exhibit, is up until March 6. westhartfordart.org.

Farmington Valley Arts Center, 25 Arts Center Drive in Avon: "Tea Party," an exhibit themed on tea, is up from March 5 to 26. artsfvac.org.

Gallery on the Green, on the town green in Canton: The love-themed group show "Be Mine!" plus solo shows by Stephanie Rogers and by Susan Bradley, are up to March 12. galleryonthegreen.org.

Windsor Art Center, 40 Mechanic St.: "Art from across the Tracks: A Celebration of our "Studios," a show of work by Andres Chaparro, leeAnn Cogswell, Cathy Doocy, Michelle Hawran, JoeSam, Adam Lenz, Xarea Lockhart and Amy Hoffman, is up to March 5. windsorartcenter.org.

Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, 600 Main St. in Hartford: "Nevine Mahmoud / MATRIX 188" is up to May 1. "Milton Avery" will be up from March 5 to June 5. thewadsworth.org.

Clare Gallery at St. Patrick—St. Anthony Church, 285 Church St. in Hartford: "Veyond the Subject: Work by Fr. Michael Reyes O.F.M." will be up from March 1 to May 23. spsact.org.



Alison Saar's "Compton Nocturne" is on exhibit at Art Gallery at University of Saint Joseph in West Hartford. **ALISON SAAR**

Art Gallery at University of Saint Joseph, 1678 Asylum Ave. in West Hartford: "Liliana Porter: Actualidades / Breaking News" and "Portraits by Gerald Leslie Brockhurst" and "Selections from the Collection" are up to March 12. usj.edu/arts/art-museum.

Middlesex County

Ezra and Cecile Zilkha Gallery at Wesleyan University in Middletown: "Brandon Ndife: Down to the Spoons and Forks" and "Dana DeGiulio: Live or Die" will be up to March 6. wesleyan.edu/cfa.

College of East Asian Studies Gallery at Wesleyan University in Middletown: "Strong Bodies for the Revolution: Pursuing Health and Power in the People's Republic of China"is up to May 13. wesleyan.edu/cfa.

Spectrum Art Gallery, 61 Main St. in the Centerbrook section of Essex: "Concealment" runs to March 13. Artists include Diane Ward, Dina Belyayeva, Nancy Dudek, Darla DiRusso, Greg Murry, Gwendolyn Quezaire-Presutti, Regina Thomas, Lauren Mills, Elayne Marholin, Patricia Parente, Patricia Corbett, Ted Genard, Teri Glassman, Vincent Palladino, Stephanie Rogers, Ceal Swift, Claudia van Nes, Dan Dahlstrom, Diane Rubacha, Gloria Nilsson, Kearen Enright, Ned Farrell, Colleen Reilly, Maria Johnson, Maryann Flick, Michael Fanelli, Paul Essenfeld, Paul Ramsey and Robert Thomas. spectrumartgallery.org.

New London County

Hygienic Art Galleries, 79 Bank St. in New London: "The Crossing," a juried group show, is up from March 4 to April 8. hygienic.org.

Mystic Seaport, 75 Greenmanville Road: "A Spectacle in Motion: The Grand Panorama of a Whaling Voyage 'Round the World" will be up until March 27. mysticseaport.org/explore/exhibits.

Gilbert V. Boro Studio 80 + Sculpture Grounds, 80 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: The sculpture grounds, with works by Boro and other artists, is on private property but is open to the public. Boro asks guests not to enter any buildings. A YouTube video about the grounds, part of the Smithsonian Channel documentary series "America: Over the Edge," can be seen at gilbertboro.com.

Mystic Museum of Art, 9 Water St.: "2022 Annual Members and Elected Artists Exhibition" is up until March 6. mysticmuseumofart.org.

Florence Griswold Museum, 96 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: "New London County Quilts & Bed Covers, 1750-1825" is up to May 1. flogris.org.

LaGrua Center, 32 Water St. in Stonington: "Celebrating Our Region's Emerging Artists," a show of work by high school students, open on March 4. lagruacenter.org.

Chauncey Stillman Gallery at Lyme Academy of Fine Arts, 84 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: "Lennart Anderson: A Retrospective" will be up to March 18. lymeacademy.edu.

Lyman Allyn Art Museum, 625 Williams St. in New London: "Norman Ives: Constructions & Reconstructions" is up to April 24. "Locations: Recent Work by Marian Bingham" is on view through April 10. "Unbeatable Women: Power and Innovation in the Work of Women Photographers," is up from Feb. 26 to June 19. lymanallyn.org.

Lyme Art Association, 90 Lyme St. in Old Lyme: "An Exhibition in Four Acts 1: Poetry of Motion 2: Black and White 3: Renewal: Visions of Spring 4: Wanderlust" is up from March 4 to April 7. lymeartassociation.org.

Fairfield County

Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum, 258 Main St. in Ridgefield: "Milano Chow: Prima Facie," "Duane Slick: The Coyote Makes the Sunset Better" and "Karla Knight: Navigator" are up until May 8. "Amaryllis DeJesus Moleski: Portal Pieces" is up until May 29. aldrichart.org.

Bruce Museum, One Museum Drive in Greenwich: "Permanent Science Galleries: Natural Cycles Shape Our Land" is up until the end of the year. brucemuseum.org.

Center for Contemporary Printmaking in Mathews Park, 299 West Ave. in Norwalk: "A Show of Hands: Diane Cherr" is up until April 17. contemprints.org.

The Gallery at Still River Editions, 128 East Liberty St. in Danbury: Scratching the Surface: David Haislip" is up until May 27. stillriverednitions.com.

Hollis Taggart Southport, 330 Pequot Ave: "Beyond the Surface: Edward Holland, Will Hutnick, Emily Kiacz, Lizbeth Mitty and Erika Ranee," is up from March 5 to April 30. hollistaggart.com.

Loft Artists Association, 575 Pacific St. in Stamford: "Lost and Found," a show of work by new members, is up from Feb. 12 to March 13. loftartists.org.

Housatonic Museum of Art, on the campus of Housatonic Community College, 900 Lafayette Blvd. in Bridgeport: "Making Your Mark," a show of prints and drawings from the Hechinger Collection, is up until March 25. museum.housatonic.edu.

Art Gallery at Western Connecticut State University, in the Visual & Performing Arts Center on the Westside Campus, 43 Lake Ave. Extension in Danbury: "Mohamad Hafez: Unsettled Nostalgia" is up until March 6. wcsu.edu/art/gallery/exhibitions.

MoCA Westport, 19 Newtown Turnpike: "The Westport Idea," featuring selected works from the Westport Public Art Collections, is up to March 12. mocawestport.org.

Fairfield University Art Museum, 200 Barlow Road in Fairfield: "Adger Cowans: Sense and Sensibility" is in the Bellarmine Hall Galleries to June 18. "Seeing is Believing: Crossings and Transpositions, Part II" is in the Walsh Gallery at the Quick Center for the Arts to March 5. The artists are He Jiancheng, Xiao Yao Ning, Luo Biwu, Zuo Zeng Yao and Zhang Zeng Min. At the same time, "ink/stone," a show of 15 contemporary Chinese paintings and works on paper, will be on show. fairfield.edu/museum.

New Haven County

Artspace, 50 Orange St. in New Haven: "Dyschronics: Work by Carolina Caycedo, Emily Jacir, Baseera Khan and Tsedaye Makonnen, will be up to April 16. artspacenh.org.

Palestine Museum US, 1764 Litchfield Turnpike, Suite 200, in Woodbridge: The museum is open by appointment only at palestinemuseum.us.

NXTHVN, 169 Henry St. in New Haven: "Let Them Roam Freely," work by Hong Hong and Darryl DeAngelo Terrell, is up from March 5 to May 15. nxthvn.com.

Buley Gallery at Southern Connecticut State University, 501 Crescent St. in New Haven: "Salvador Dali Illustrates The Divine Comedy" is up to April 7.



Work by Mary Elizabeth Marvin Peterson is on exhibit at The Keyes Gallery at Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library in Branford. **MARY ELIZABETH MARVIN PETERSON**

southernct.edu.

Creative Arts Workshop, 80 Audubon St. in New Haven: "Made Visible: Through Errors: Work by Binwanka" is up until Feb. 28. creativeartsworkshop.org.

New Haven Museum, 114 Whitney Ave.: "Strange Times: Downtown New Haven in the COVID Era," "Children of the Elm City" and "Factory" are up until the end of winter. newhavenmuseum.org.

City Gallery, 994 State St. in New Haven: "Phantasmagoria: Ruth Sack" is up to March 6. city-gallery.org.

Mattatuck Museum, 144 West Main St. in Waterbury: An American Lens: A History of Photography in Waterbury" is up until Dec. 31. "Janet Maya: Women/Strength/Beauty" and "Focus on the Makers: Samplers, Needlework, and Quilts" are up to Feb. 28. "Mixmaster 2022: Juried Members Exhibition is up to March 16. mattmuseum.org.

Susan Powell Fine Art, 679 Boston Post Road in Madison: "Valentine Gems," a show of work by Kathy Anderson, Del-Bourree Bach, Patt Baldino, Paul Batch, Julie Beck, Paul Beebe, Peter Bergeron, Zufar Bikbov, Kelly Birkenruth, Dan Brown, David Dunlop, Eileen Eder, Jeff Erickson, Vincent Giarrano, Tom Hughes, Susan Jositas, James Magner, Anne McGrory, Leonard Mizerek, Larry Preston, Cindy Procious, Deborah Quinn-Munson, Jeanne Rosier Smith, Kyle Stuckey, Katie Swatland and George Van Hook, will be up to Feb. 28. susanpowellfineart.com.

Kehler Liddell Gallery, 873 Whalley Ave. in New Haven: "Pest Control: Willliam Kent, Gar Waterman" is up to March 13. kehlerliddellgallery.com.

The Keyes Gallery at Willoughby Wallace Memorial Library, 146 Thimble Islands Road in Branford: "Shifting Tides: Art that Speaks to Ever-Changing Times," work by Mary Elizabeth Marvin Peterson, is up from March 4 to 28.

Litchfield County

Five Points Gallery, 33 Main St. in Torrington: "Real & Imagined: Tamara Dimitri, Nancy Hayes, Susan Sharp, Lisa Warren and Joan Wheeler" will be up through March 26. fivepointsarts.org/five-points-annex.

The Sophie Gallery, 15 Water St. in Torrington: "Scott Ritter's Churn and Flow" is up to March 26. thesophiegallery.com.

James Barron Art, 17 Old Barn Road in Kent: "Earthly Dreams" will be up until March 19. Artists are Carla Accardi, Moira Dryer, Ruth Duckworth, Pam Glick, Beverly Pepper, Laura de Santillana, Janet Sobel, Ursula von Rydingsvard and Betty Woodman. jamesbarronart.com.

Kenise Barnes Fine Art, 7 Fulling Lane in Kent: "Cool & Collected '22" will be up until March 13. kbfa.com.

Furnace Art on Paper Archive, 107 Main St. in Falls Village: "Winter," an exhibit of work by Jimbo Blachly, Bettina Blohm, Yvonne Estrada, Johnathan Fabricant, Greg Goldberg, Carter Hodgkin, Vincent Inconiglios, Erick Johnson, Amanda Konishi, Kathleen Kucka, Stephen Maine, Susan Martin, Georgia McGovern, Holly Miller, Nicholas Moenich, Marilla Palmer, Jean Parks, Gelah Penn and Sally Van Doren, is up until March 20, weekends only. furnace-artonpaperarchive.com.

David M. Hunt Library, 63 Main St. in the Falls Village section of Canaan: "Colored pencil and pastel artworks by Marsha Altemus and assemblage and painting by Roger McKee" will be up to March 11. huntlibrary.org.

Tolland County

William Benton Museum of Art, 245 Glenbrook Road at UConn in Storrs: "Facing History: Social Commentary in Contemporary American Art" and "Remembering the Nut Museum: Visionary Art of Elizabeth Tashjian" are up until March 11. benton.uconn.edu.

Contemporary Art Galleries, on the campus of UConn in Storrs: "Rafael Concepcion: Where do I know you from?" is up to March 11. contemporaryartgalleries.uconn.edu.

Homer Babbidge Library on the campus of UConn in Storrs: "Beth Pite, Colorscapes"is on view. "Vilde Chayes / Wild Things: Childhood Through the Eyes of Maurice Sendak" is up until March 31. lib.uconn.edu/about/exhibits/

Arts Center East, 709 Hartford Turnpike in Vernon: "11th Annual Artist Members Exhibit" is up from March 5 to 26. artscentereast.org.

Windham County

Top Shelf Gallery at Fletcher Memorial Library, 257 Main St. in Hampton: "Work by Ann C. Rosebrooks is up until Marcy 1 to April 30. fletchermemoriallibrary.org.

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Pepper's Lonely Heart's Club Band," but the show taps two other Beatles albums, entirely: "Rubber Soul" and "Revolver." An all-star band of jack-of-all-rock-trades Todd Rundgren, "Arthur's Theme" crooner and pianist Christopher Cross, former Chicago bassist and vocalist Jason Scheff and two guys who made records with actual Beatles back in the '60s or '70s: Joey Molland of Badfinger and Wings guitarist Denny Laine. March 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge, Ridgefield. $125-$150. ridgefieldplayhouse.org.

Dana Fuchs



Fuchs

Blues-influenced Southern soul and rock singer Dana Fuchs is at Infinity Hall, 20 Greenwoods Road West, Norfolk March 4 at 8 p.m. You might remember her unique renditions of "Helter Skelter" and "Why Don't We Do It in the Road" from the Julie Taymor film "Across the Universe." $28 to $38. infinityhall.com.

Dream Theater

Dream Theater is the answer to all your modern prog rock dreams. The band is returning to a venue they've played regularly for decades. March 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the Oakdale, 95 S. Turnpike Road, Wallingford. $45-$89.50. concerts.livenation.com.

Milton Avery exhibit

The Wadsworth Atheneum's new Milton Avery exhibit, on view March 5 through June 5 is the first retrospective done of his work in the United States in 30 years — over 60 works to see, from his portraits to his landscape to his abstracts. All colorful and sublimely simple-seeming, of course. 600 Main St., Hartford. Thursday through Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. $15, $12 seniors, $5 students, free for children and all Hartford residents. thewadsworth.org.



Milton Avery's watercolor "Bathers." **COURTESY**

Sugar Butter Flour

The Broadway hit "Waitress" is back on tour, baking pies and mending relationships. March 4 at 8 p.m., March 5 at 2 and 8 p.m., March 6 at 1 and 6:30 p.m. at The Shubert, 247 College St., New Haven. $44-$126. my.shubert.com/2179.

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Troy Kotsur, seen Jan. 28 in Arizona, is only the second actor who is deaf to be nominated for an Academy Award. He's in the running for best supporting actor for his role in "CODA." **MATT YORK/AP**

A long road to the Oscars

Troy Kotsur — a deaf actor who had a tough journey through show business — hopes his historic nomination resonates with inspiration

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

In his Oscar-nominated performance in "CODA," Troy Kotsur has one spoken line, but it's a good one. Urging his daughter, played by Emilia Jones, to pursue her dreams of singing and attending college, he says aloud: "Go!"

For Kotsur, that one line meant lots of rehearsal plus the courage to, on a film set, speak dialogue he couldn't himself hear. But Kotsur had also done it before. Years before, as Stanley Kowalski in a Deaf West Theatre production of "A Streetcar Named Desire," he exclaimed "Stella!" night after night.

"Sometimes I'll ask hearing audience members what my voice sounds like," signs Kotsur. "One person described it as feeling like being cozy and tucked in bed."

Kotsur, who does indeed radiate a rumpled warmth, is just the second actor who is deaf to be nominated for an Academy Award. And like that "Go!," Kotsur, 53, hopes his achievement resonates with inspiration.

"I hope that young people who happen to be deaf or hard of hearing can get an increased confidence and be inspired that they can pursue their dreams," Kotsur says. "I want those kids to not feel limited."

The Apple TV+ release "CODA," Sian Heder's best picture nominee, has elevated Kotsur to Hollywood's biggest stages while making history for the deaf community. He's the first deaf actor nominated individually for a Screen Actors Guild award. The rush of accolades has been discombobulating. When he was nominated for a BAFTA, he celebrated so much he fell out of his chair. Accepting the Gotham award for best supporting performance, he told the crowd that he wasn't speechless but "absolutely handless right now."

"It's just overwhelming," Kotsur says. "It's awesome. I feel like I can die happy, with a smile on my face."

The only one to ever go through something similar was Kotsur's "CODA" co-star Marlee Matlin. In "CODA," they play the parents of a deaf Gloucester fishing family with a hearing daughter. Kotsur remembers watching Matlin become the first deaf actor to win an Oscar, in 1987 for "Children of a Lesser God."

"I felt like I could have hope as a deaf actor," Kotsur recalled through an interpreter. "Of course, I didn't realize what a tough journey it would be going through show business."

Kotsur's long road to the Oscars began in elementary school. With little TV programming accessible to him, Kotsur loved visual cartoons like "Tom and Jerry" and would animatedly retell them to his deaf classmates on the bus. He studied acting at Gallaudet University, and then toured with the National Theatre of the Deaf.

With few opportunities in television and film available for deaf actors, Kotsur found freedom on the stage. Beginning with "Of Mice and Men" in 1994, Kotsur has acted in some 20 productions at Deaf West, the nonprofit Los Angeles theater company founded in 1991. In one show, he met his wife, actor Deanne Bray.

On stage, Kotsur honed the full-body physicality of his acting. "It's really important for me on stage to show emotion through sign language," says Kotsur. "Sometimes, sign language can be more three-dimensional and meaningful than spoken dialogue."

Heder first saw Kotsur in a pair of Deaf West plays: "At Home in the Zoo" and "Our Town."

"And they were very different characters," she said. "He's so charismatic, especially on stage. He's just got this amazing presence, and he's so funny."

Kotsur had long been used to seeing one-dimensional and victimized deaf characters, but "CODA" presented something he had rarely seen. The Rossis of "CODA" may have to work a little harder but they're a family like any other, with funny dinner-table conversation and casual bickering.

Kotsur's Frank is also a little randy and a little profane.

Kotsur, long accustomed to hearing actors curse, delighted in Frank's vulgarity; he proudly recalls the film's back-and-forth with the MPAA after "CODA" nearly received an R-rating. But to Kotsur, Frank is like a real deaf person — "a hard-working deaf person that just makes it through."

"I want the audience to have a different perspective. I want them to get rid of their preconceived notions of what deaf people are like," says Kotsur. "There are deaf doctors. There are deaf lawyers. There are deaf firemen. A lot of hearing people are oblivious to that."

To DJ Kurs, director of Deaf West, Kotsur is nothing less than a trailblazer. Because of him and Matlin, he says, there will be more work for deaf actors.

"Seeing the acclaim validates what we've known all along, that Troy is one of the greats," says Kurs. "We've been waiting for the world to recognize it for some time now, and it is our hope that Troy will get all of the work and kudos that he is so deserving of, and that future deaf actors will not have to wait so long to be recognized on this level."

Kotsur has since gone on to appear in the Disney+ series "The Mandalorian" as a Tusken Raider, for which he developed his own sign language. Other parts await, as does an expected lecturing tour talking to deaf children and would-be actors. But for now, he's soaking it up as much as possible.

"I'm trying to enjoy every day and every moment," he says. "I'm not in a rush. I'm not obsessed with winning. These days will be gone. I'll never live them again."

To summarize what it's all meant, Kotsur clutches his chin and compares himself to just one hair in a thick beard of talented deaf actors who haven't gotten the chance he did.

"I feel so blessed to have been able to take this step forward. I think it's time for Hollywood to be more open-minded, more creative and more diverse," says Kotsur. "Everyone has their story to tell."

Ullah

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David Henry Hwang told me 'You've helped many people. The theater deserves to hear your voice.' "

He fought with casting agents over being typecast in Asian or Muslim roles, and questioned whether the roles themselves had any truth to them.

"The Muslim was always the boogie man. There was this formula where the Muslim is demonized, as one monolithic thing. I would tell casting directors 'Do you even know any Muslims?' The system didn't welcome that. The '90s was not woke like it is now. It was racist to the tenth power."

Ullah's learned how a career, or a life, can change overnight based on unexpected events. He recalls a night when the New York Times critic and comedy scholar Mel Watkins "showed up at 'Don't Tell Mama' on the same night that my mother called me a bum and walked out."

All this makes for a fascinating one-man show, which he has been developing for years and is still tweaking as he rehearses it for its Hartford Stage run.

One of Ullah's talents has come in handy for "Dishwasher Dreams" — within moments of the play's beginning, he's already playing several different characters.

"When I was younger, I was an impressionist," he says. "I could do my teachers, my entire class. I always did characters. I created a repertoire of characters expressly for comedy."

Director Chay Yew, who was the artistic director of Chicago's Victory Gardens from 2011-2020 and who has directed several plays at the Long Wharf Theatre in New Haven over the years, is known for clean, precise productions, often with elaborate special effects, but Ullah told him "a lot of shows camouflage the raw emotions with the design. I want my performance to be what the audience comes to see. I want it to be the real me."

"South Asians have not had an authentic voice" in the arts in America. I haven't seen an honest portrayal of South Asians." *— Alaudin Ullah*

At the same time, Ullah promises "a lot of movement," all those voices and the constant presence of onstage musician Avirodh Sharma, a virtuoso on the Indian percussion instrument the tabla.

"It's the most difficult instrument to score a show with," Ullah says. "A lot of directors wouldn't know what to do with that. But Chay is the genius. Chay said 'I got you.'

"We have passionate arguments, and he's right 90% of the time. It's great to be in rehearsal with him. It's like when you're playing basketball with friends and you do a no-look pass because you know they're there for you."

He says his theatrical inspirations for "Dishwasher Dreams" include solo shows he's seen by some of the greatest practitioners of the one-person show: Eric Bogosian, Sarah Jones and John Leguizamo (the last of which happens to have written "Kiss My Aztec," which Hartford Stage is producing later this year).

He particularly mentions Ruben Santiago-Hudson's "Lackawanna Blues," which like "Dishwasher Dreams" is about growing up in a tough, interesting neighborhood and finding one's artistic voice.

"That show changed my life. I was in the lobby crying. It was the first time I saw people who looked like people I grew up with. I thought, 'That's what I want to do, but with a tabla player instead of a blues guitarist."

The awareness that he has a unique voice and is attempting to give theater audiences an experience they've never had before, makes "Dishwasher Dreams" an exciting prospect for Hartford Stage.

"I still am surprised that people are even interested in me," Ullah says. "I indict America."

"Dishwasher Dreams," written and performed by Alaudin Ullah and directed by Chay Yew, runs Feb.24 to March 20 at Hartford Stage in downtown Hartford. Tickets $20 to $100. Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test is required. Masks required. hartfordstage.org.

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Dog-sledding Jan. 28 across the snowy white canvas of Lake Umbagog in southern Maine. **ERIK FREELAND/THE NEW YORK TIMES PHOTOS**

'It's a lot like sailing'

Mushing is a canine-human bond that was centuries in the making

By Nina Burleigh
The New York Times

Our dog-sledding guide had already released three sets of dog teams hauling gear and inexperienced tourists into the Maine winter wonderland. It was my turn. I felt clumsy in my multiple layers and a bit worried that I wouldn't remember the recently shared instructions about how to handle my team of dogs.

As the guide unhitched my sled, he issued a final warning: Remember the brake!

And then we were off. A sudden jerk, a crunch as I released the brake. Except for the faint hiss of sled runners on snow, the whole world went silent. Twelve paws padded soundlessly on the snow ahead. There was the white-and-black leader, Olga, surprisingly small for her big job, followed by Teslin and Layla, both bigger and brown and black.

For a few hours, our little band of dog-sledders carved a canine-human calligraphy across the snowy white canvas of Lake Umbagog in southern Maine. A line from "The Night Before Christmas" came to me: "As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly/ when they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky. /So up to the house-top the coursers they flew/ with the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too."

My coursers, they flew.

Anyone who has watched a dog rolling in fresh snow must agree with 19th-century social reformer Henry Ward Beecher's observation that the dog is the god of frolic. Who doesn't need more of that particular god in the plague season? During the long lockdown months last winter, I mainlined canine joy by getting my Border collie to pull me around on my skis, unaware that this is an actual Scandinavian sport called hundjoring.

It turns out that dogs and humans have a long history together in the snow. Some scientists argue human survival in the Arctic would have been impossible without them. Dogs were crucial to human migration to the Americas, over the ice between the Siberian peninsula and what is now Alaska 25,000 years ago. Sled dogs probably evolved in Mongolia between 30,000 and 35,000 years ago, according to the American Kennel Club. Archaeologists have found dog remains with harnesses in Siberian sites from 6,000 years ago.

The snowmobile has largely replaced the dog in Arctic zones. Climate change is diminishing the icy territory of many Arctic inhabitants, from polar bears to walrus to Indigenous people. Sled dogs are now mostly bred to race (the Iditarod is the most famous, although even it is melting away) and for recreation. Tourists can hire outfitters in Alaska or the Yukon who run seven-day mushing trips under the aurora borealis. More kid-friendly, afternoon sled-dog excursions are available in New Hampshire, Vermont, Quebec and Maine.



Dogs are loaded into trucks in Newry, Maine, that take them to the starting point of the sledding trips.

In early January, my husband, Erik, and I opted for a mushing middle ground — a two-day, out-and-back camping trip by dog sled near the town of Newry, Maine, which is on the edge of the White Mountain National Forest.

Driving seven hours north of New York City, we arrived on the frozen shores of Lake Umbagog. Gusts of wind lashed the frosted lake. Ghostly snow devils, hundreds of feet tall, twirled down the sides of the piney mountains nearby.

If you want to go dog-sledding, you have to get good and cold. Parking, we noted the dashboard exterior temperature had dropped to 4 degrees.

Our Maine guides, Kevin Slater and Polly Mahoney, the owners of Mahoosuc Guide Service, went north as young adults, and have decades of expedition experience in the Yukon and eastern Canada, north of Baffin Bay. Since the 1990s the couple has been breeding and training sled dogs on their farm in Newry. They keep a kennel of active sled dogs and another for their retirees. A cemetery with wooden markers near their farmhouse commemorates the lives and personalities of dogs that have "walked on," as Kevin put it.

Sled dogs are large — on their hind legs, some stand, eye to eye, at 6 feet. They're also surprisingly soft and cuddly, with an inner coat of fur, which they shed in summer. They seem to live to have their ears and backs stroked. Affability is no accident: Mushers select dogs as much for responsiveness to humans as strength.

"It's a lot like sailing," Polly explained, as she arranged the complicated rope-and-harness system on the snow, and we started latching the dogs. The dogs were clearly anticipating takeoff. Even harnessed, they were rolling over, coating themselves in the cold white powder.

Before we set off, Polly unloaded a rapid-fire mushing primer that could be boiled down to "never, ever take your hands off the sled." Many a selfie-snapping recreational musher has fallen off and lost the team while Instagramming.

Eventually, we pulled into our camp, unloaded and hitched the dogs to low posts in a circle around the campsite. We laid fresh hay for each one. Curled on their nests, two dozen pairs of eyes watched us walking back and forth collecting buckets of icy water from holes in the lake, cutting wood, starting fires in the stoves.

As we settled in for the night, the Mahoosuc Mountains, across the lake, turned pewter against a pink sunset.

It was only 8 p.m., but I was ready to ignite my borrowed mukluks. We retreated to our surprisingly elegant tents with white canvas walls and a thick carpet of soft pine boughs on the floor, packed wood into the little stoves and zipped ourselves into double sleeping bags. I woke up once during the night.

I thought of the dogs, cryptic, soulful, loyal animals, warm in their pelts, just outside. Tamed by and allied with humans, but wild enough to know better than we what lurks in the dark.

Sun-drenched vacation spots of your dreams

By Lynn O'Rourke Hayes
FamilyTravel.com

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The Caribbean island of St. Martin. **DREAMSTIME**

Entering the Church of David



Rick Steves



"Yes, we can," say the eyes of Renaissance Man, Michelangelo's six-ton, 17-foot-tall statue of David. **CAMERON HEWITT/RICK STEVES' EUROPE**

Entering Florence's Accademia Gallery is like entering the Church of David — a temple of humanism. At the high altar stands the perfect man, Michelangelo's colossal statue of David. Like a Renaissance Statue of Liberty, David declares, "Yes, I can."

This 500-year-old sling-shot-toting giant-slayer is the symbol of Florence. The city's other treasures are largely ignored by the tourist hordes that roam the streets with one statue at the top of their sightseeing list. Each morning the line forms as tourists wait patiently to enter the temple. As at any pilgrimage site, the nearby streets are lined with shops selling David knickknacks.

Inside, smartly dressed ushers collect admission tickets. Dropping mine in the basket, I turn the corner and enter a large nave. Six unfinished statues called the Prisoners — brute bodies each fighting to free themselves from their rock — line the room leading to David. His feet are at a level just above the sea of tourists' heads. Round arches and a dome hover above him like architectural halos. People only whisper. Couples hold each other tighter in his presence, their eyes fixed on the statue. The scene is black and white under a skylight. I don't miss the color. I wouldn't want color. David is beyond color, even beyond gender.

David is fundamentally human. Gathered with people from all nations, I look up to him. Beautiful women who'd cause a commotion in the streets go unnoticed as macho men fold their hands. Students commune with Michelangelo on their sketchpads. Sightseers pause. Tired souls see the spirit in David's eyes. David is the god of human triumph. Clothed only in confidence, his toes gripping the pedestal, he seems both ready and determined to step out of the Dark Ages and into an exciting future.

When you look into the eyes of Michelangelo's David, you're looking into the eyes of Renaissance man. This six-ton, 17-foot-tall symbol of divine victory over evil — completed in 1504 — represents a new century and a new outlook. It's the age of Columbus and classicism, Galileo and Gutenberg, Luther and Leonardo — of Florence and the Renaissance.

In 1501, Michelangelo Buonarroti, a 26-year-old Florentine, was commissioned to carve a large-scale work for Florence's cathedral. He was given a block of marble that other sculptors had rejected as too tall, shallow, and flawed to be of any value. But Michelangelo picked up his hammer and chisel, knocked a knot off what became David's heart, and started to work.

He depicted a story from the Bible, where a brave young shepherd boy challenges a mighty giant named Goliath. David turns down the armor of the day. Instead, he throws his sling over his left shoulder, gathers five smooth stones in his powerful right hand, and steps onto the field of battle to face Goliath.

Michelangelo captures David as he's sizing up his enemy. He stands relaxed but alert. In his left hand, he fondles the handle of the sling, ready to fling a stone at the giant. His gaze is steady ... confident. Michelangelo has caught the precise moment when David realizes he can win.

David is no brute. He's a civilized, thinking individual who can grapple with and overcome problems. He needs no armor, only his God-given physical strength and wits. Many complained that the right hand was too big and overdeveloped. But this represents the hand of a man with the strength of God on his side. No mere boy could slay the giant. But David, powered by God, could ... and did.

Though the statue was intended to stand atop the cathedral, it long stood in an even more prominent spot — guarding the entrance of Town Hall. Renaissance Florentines identified with David. Like him, they considered themselves God-blessed underdogs fighting their city-state rivals. In a deeper sense, they were civilized Renaissance people slaying the ugly giant of medieval superstition, pessimism and oppression. They were on the cusp of our modern age.

Today, David is displayed safely indoors, under a glorious dome at the end of a church-like nave lined with other statues by Michelangelo. You can approach as a camera-toting tourist or as a pilgrim finding inspiration in this "cathedral of humanism." David stands as the ultimate symbol of the Renaissance — of optimism, humanism and all that's good in the human race.

With each visit, I take a few extra minutes to do my annual slow stroll around David. Even after so many views, I need more time to commune with this timeless symbol of a city that 500 years ago led Europe into a new age, a symbol that still challenges us to reach for all that we can be — to declare, "Yes, we can."

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CELEBRITY TRAVEL

Florence a favorite location for actor

By Jae-Ha Kim
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"American Siege" actor Anna Hindman picks Cape Cod as one of the most romantic destinations. **LINDSEY WILLIAMS**

Working on film sets doesn't always offer a lot of downtime. But "American Siege" actress Anna Hindman said she was delighted she had the opportunity to experience the hospitality that Fitzgerald, Georgia, had to offer. "I was lucky to have some downtime to explore (and enjoy) the location," said Hindman, who's based out of Clarksville, Tennessee. "(Fitzgerald has) a cute downtown area with a great coffee and sandwich shop called Our Daily Bread. That was the first place that was recommended to me when I got there. I also ride motorcycles and some of the crew own and work at a motorcycle shop within walking distance from the cafe, so that was cool to look around in. Laffrey Witbrod, our cinematographer, and I also walked to this giant chicken that's being built in town. Someone said it's going to be an Airbnb. I would definitely stay there. Fitzgerald is known for its wild chickens."

Q: Can you tell me a bit about some of the places you've lived?
A: Yes! I have a tattoo on my arm of the state flower of each state I've lived in. New York, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Tennessee, and California. But I need to add a few now!

Q: What kind of travels have you done during this pandemic?
A: I'm a huge fan of the short road trip. Since my wife, Jess, is active military, we take advantage of long weekend trips a lot. Especially with the pandemic, our trips generally involve the outdoors. We rented a cabin near Asheville (North Carolina) during the fall and went apple picking and sightseeing there. We also used to take the short drive to see her grandparents in Hilton Head. My brother got married at a campground in Tennessee this past year, so we drove out there and had a great time with family on the campground. We've also driven out to North Carolina to go hiking with our dogs. Since we have two dogs, we prefer a car over air travel, because we always want to take them with us. We recently went to Chattanooga and found a cute outdoor dog bar called Play. Wash. Pint., where the dogs got to play around and we got to drink local craft beer.

Q: Pre-pandemic, what was your favorite destination?
A: Florence, Italy. I highly recommend it! There are so many things to do and it's a walkable city, which makes visiting very easy. My favorite thing to do in Florence is going to aperitivo. Around 4 p.m., the restaurants will start putting out little appetizers. When you buy a glass of wine, you get to go to the little buffet of food. Aperitivo means stomach opener, so it's traditionally eaten before dinner. I love all the things being sold around Florence, so I like to walk around and browse. They're known for their leather. It's such a beautiful city.

Q: What untapped spot should people know about?
A: This is also in Italy, a place called Il Baciarino. It's a small, family-owned agriturismo. It's in a town called Vetulonia in Tuscany. I spent three months working there and it is absolutely incredible. The owner built all the casettas (cottages) himself. Each one has a different personality, and you book it like an Airbnb. They all overlook the most incredible view. I recommend you fly into Florence, and from there it is about a two-hour drive or train ride.

Q: What would be your dream trip?
A: My wife and I haven't had an official honeymoon yet and we would love to go somewhere tropical where you can stay in a spot right on the water. Finding an LGBTQ+ friendly place would be ideal.

For more from the reporter, visit www.jaehakim.com.

TRAVEL TROUBLESHOOTER

Waiting on MSC Cruises credit for 17 months

By Christopher Elliott
King Features Syndicate

Q: In 2019, I booked an MSC cruise from Italy to Greece for 2020. MSC canceled the cruise in early 2020 and offered me a 125% cruise credit or a refund. I asked for a credit. It's been 17 months, and I have not received the credit yet. I've reached out to my travel agent and the executive contacts for MSC Cruises that you list on your consumer advocacy site. Neither has worked. I could really use your intervention. I just want the cruise credit they promised me.
— Terry Sutherland, Fredericksburg, Virginia

A: This is a strange case. Typically, cruise lines are quick to offer a credit but slow on the refunds. And I can honestly say this is the first time a cruise line has dragged its feet (or maybe I should say its anchor) on a future cruise credit.

I reviewed the correspondence between you and MSC. It looks like the company offered you either a refund or a cruise credit. You requested the credit but then nothing happened. You asked politely and MSC apologized for "running a bit behind" on issuing future cruise credits. You asked your travel agent, who apologized for the "unusual delay." Yeah, I would call a 17-month delay unusual, too. Very unusual.

For a case like this, my typical advice would have been an appeal to one of the MSC Cruises executives I list on my site at www.elliott.org/company-contacts/msc-cruises/, which you did. Oddly, you didn't get a response. Usually, when executives receive a plea from a customer who has waited that long, they take action. Then again, we're talking about the cruise industry during the pandemic. There was no cruise industry during the pandemic, so that might explain your case.

I have to applaud you for being so patient. I would have started getting restless after a few weeks. You lasted 17 months! Wow. I think you were right to give MSC a little leeway during the pandemic, especially considering how hard COVID-19 hit the cruise business. But enough is enough. You needed to climb the escalation ladder, first to your agent, then to the cruise line, next to the executives and finally, to me. And you did. And that's how your case ended up in my inbox.

I asked MSC to review your case. In response, it contacted you and again offered you a choice between a refund and a future cruise credit. This time, you asked for a refund. MSC said it could take up to 60 days to get the vouchers. Finally, almost two years after asking for a credit, you received your money back.

I am flabbergasted by this case. I mean, how much can it take to issue a credit? A few keystrokes, maybe?

This says more about the sad state of the cruise industry during the pandemic — something to remember if you're thinking of booking a cruise.

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CELEBRITIES

Banks crowned new fresh prince

By Alicia Rancilio
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Jabari Banks, seen Feb. 8 in West Hollywood, California, stars as Will in the series "Bel-Air." **CHRIS PIZZELLO/AP**

Jabari Banks knew he was close to getting the starring role of Will in "Bel-Air," the dramatic take of "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," but his confidence started to wane when he was asked to do one more Zoom audition with show director Morgan Cooper.

"I'm like, 'I don't know what he wants to see, but I'm gonna give him everything I got,' the 23-year-old said. "I was like, 'I'm gonna put everything into this audition.'"

Banks found a quiet place — a friend's closet — and logged in, only to see a familiar face staring back at him, Will Smith.

"I didn't think it was real," Banks said. "He's like, 'I want to congratulate you. You got the part of Will in 'Bel-Air.'"

And then in true Smith exuberance, the superstar directed Banks to invite those with him to join the Zoom. "He was like, 'Where is everybody? Go get them,' said Banks. So a lot of my friends met Will."

And that's how Banks became the (new) prince of Bel-Air. The series is now streaming on Peacock.

Cooper says searching for the actor to play the new Will was not an easy task, and that he was looking "for a unicorn."

"Hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of auditions poured in. We needed a guy who had the swagger, the charisma, but also the pure acting chops, who uses his eyes," he said. "Jabari Banks is such a star, and he shines so bright."

The parallels between Smith and Banks seem tailor-made for Hollywood. Like Smith, Banks is from west Philadelphia. He's also a musician working on his own EP, which he says is a mix of R&B, hip-hop and alternative genres, and plans to release it later this year.

Banks says he's taking this huge opportunity "one day at a time," and cites an anecdote from Smith's autobiography, "Will," about his father assigning him and his brother to build a wall brick by brick.

"I've been following that motto and going about my day to day like that," he said.

In "Bel-Air," a 16-year-old high school basketball star named Will is playing at a local court when he gets into a scuffle with a gang. The situation escalates, and Will is arrested. Once he's released, his mother sends him to stay with his aunt and uncle. He'll enroll in school there until things calm down.

In real life, Banks found himself at a crossroads his junior year of high school. He loved basketball but low grades made him ineligible to play.

Banks' mom told him, "You have to find something to do after school," so he joined a theater group. That's where he says he fell in love with performing.

The acting newcomer says he's looking forward to meeting more Black artists who can help him navigate showbiz.

"I'd love to work with LaKeith Stanfield. Big fan of him. Huge fan of Denzel (Washington.). Daniel Kaluuya, I'd love to work with him and Sterling K. Brown. Damson Idris. These are all artists that I look up to."

Feb. 27 birthdays: Actor Joanne Woodward is 92. Actor Barbara Babcock is 85. Actor Debra Monk is 73. Actor Timothy Spall is 65. Singer Johnny Van Zant is 62. Percussionist Leon Mobley is 61. Actor Grant Show is 60. Actor Donal Logue is 56. Singer Chilli is 51. Singer Josh Groban is 41. Actor Kate Mara is 39.



ASK AMY

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Inherited land seems like unfinished business

Dear Amy: My father died four years ago.

I am my mother's trust administrator and recently met with a lawyer to make sure I was doing everything right. My brother attended this meeting, also.

Everything was fine until the issue of 200 acres of land my father owned was mentioned.

My brother said we would sell it when the time came, and he told me that my youngest sister agreed.

I was so surprised by his comment and said I did not feel that way at all!

This land has been in my family since the 1800s. It is the original homestead of my ancestors and close to where I grew up.

Currently, the land is farmed and taken care of by a close friend. I know the worth of the land and I understand completely why my siblings feel the way they do. I feel no anger or resentment toward them.

I discussed this with my oldest son and asked if he could work on a map where I could keep 20 or so acres.

My son gave me those options and then said he thought I was thinking with my heart and not my head. He mentioned we don't live close to this land, and it wasn't like I would be driving by regularly to "visit" the area.

I know it sounds like I see this land as a memorial to my ancestors, but how do I sell it when I feel such a strong pull to it?

— *Conflicted*

Dear Conflicted: If as a group you and your siblings end up jointly owning this land, you'll have to arrive at a solution regarding what to do with it.

You need to think carefully about the future of this land. Your son seems to be indicating that he doesn't have an interest in inheriting the land, and so if you held onto it and the next generation ended up selling it, would that serve your purpose?

You and your siblings might research ways to place the land in a trust. My family donated some of our dairy farm's pastureland to our local land trust, and now people walk on trails through the area where Holstein cattle once grazed. It's a very good feeling.

Purchasing a few acres for yourself and perhaps selling the rest to the farmer who currently works it might also be a solution for all of you.

I hope you can visit the property in order to honestly evaluate your attachment to it. Take lots of pictures. Understand that your family's history in the area will always be there, rooted in place — even when you're no longer guardians to this particular property.

That history will never change and knowing this might help you to be able to say goodbye to it.

Dear Amy: A weird dilemma, perhaps, but recently someone in my church circle passed away. I've known her for most of my life.

However, she was quite consistently mean to me (and others). Honestly, I believe her attitude toward me taught me some good lessons in tolerance and basic compassion.

Our church family is now enveloped in extended grief, mourning, and text chains of prayers. I'm having trouble participating. Any advice?

— *Not Bereft*

Dear Not: Take and be grateful for the lessons this person taught you during her life, express compassion and sympathy for those loved ones she left behind, but don't mourn publicly unless you want to.

Dear Amy: Thank you for your response to "Lonely at the Top," a high school girl who felt pressured not to excel in a sport because her friend was doing it.

I was raised by a parent who pressured me to let everyone else win so that they "wouldn't feel bad." This was the case whether it was a game of Clue, a swim meet or an academic competition.

Because I was a kid who wanted to please the adults, I grew into an adult who has always diminished my own accomplishments and let others take credit for my work.

I'm in my 50s now and am just starting to confront this pattern.

We need to let kids and teens excel — even when it means that others come in second or third or last — without feeling guilty for being good at things.

— *Wish I Was a Winner*

Dear Wish: My pro-competition stance has elicited a mixed response. Thank you for yours.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Pressure at work could leave you wondering if it's time to move on. You don't need to make a snap decision. You may be resisting because it feels uncomfortable. Any changes might not affect you as much as you may worry about.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Last night's dream could make you feel uncomfortable. It could be telling you something. If you feel as if people aren't recognizing your contribution, don't hesitate to call attention to your work. You may end up feeling a lot more in control if your peers are clear about exactly where you fit in.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Someone close to you might need your help. Just listening when they want to talk could help relieve the pressure on them. Let this prompt you to take a closer look at your own life. Maybe you're closer to things going wrong than you realized! Take action now.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Jealousy from someone else could cause you problems. Getting angry or upset won't help anyone. Defending yourself is likely to make very little difference. Step back until things calm down. That can give you time to think things throughand work out the best way to react.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You may feel over-crowded by people you need to spend your day with. It might not be practical to tell them to back off, and you might risk offending them. Find out why they're acting like this. Showing that you're willing to listen to their side encourages them to listen to you in return.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Wanting things your own way could be your downfall. The same goes for craving what someone else has simply because you don't have it. You might see how you can manipulate someone into doing what you want, but that doesn't mean you should! If they realize what you're doing, things may turn very nasty.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): People invading your private space may be a worry at the moment. You can't stop them, but you could make things easier by firmly asserting your privacy. There's a chance that they haven't realized what they're doing. If they don't react, then you can say it less politely.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Doing what people ask because you feel guilty could spoil today. If your guilt is justified, you'll need to make up for that. But if someone makes you feel like you owe them something when they should be sorting out their own situation, you may have to stand firm.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Losing something precious to you could cause you grief now. To be on the safe side, it would be wise to take extra care of your possessions, especially when you're out and about. Not everyone is honest, and when you're busy, it's easy to make your loss someone else's gain.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Today you're in charge of your own life! Even so, this doesn't mean you should ignore other people want. A little bit of consideration can go a long way. Instead of interfering with anyone else, use this time to make a few personal adjustments. That will lay the ground for when you can launch into adventure.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Bad habits could be holding you back. Today you may feel compelled to start shedding them. It might take a while, but the sooner you make a move, the sooner you can change your life. Start looking forward to making a fresh start and living the life you really want!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You're probably the first person that your friends call on if they need support currently. That can be flattering, but it can also be very tiring. There are only so many hours in the day! People could be contacting you through sheer force of habit and if you say no, they will simply move on.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Associated Press

On Feb. 27, 1807, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Maine.

In 1922, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution.

In 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, was gutted by fire; Chancellor Adolf Hitler used the fire to justify suspending civil liberties.

In 1939, the Supreme Court effectively outlawed sit-down strikes.

In 1973, members of the American Indian Movement occupied the hamlet of Wounded Knee in South Dakota, the site of the 1890 massacre of Sioux men, women and children.

In 1998, Britain's House of Lords agreed to give a monarch's first-born daughter the same claim to the throne as any first-born son.

In 2010, in Chile, an earthquake and tsunami killed 524 people and left more than 200,000 homeless.

LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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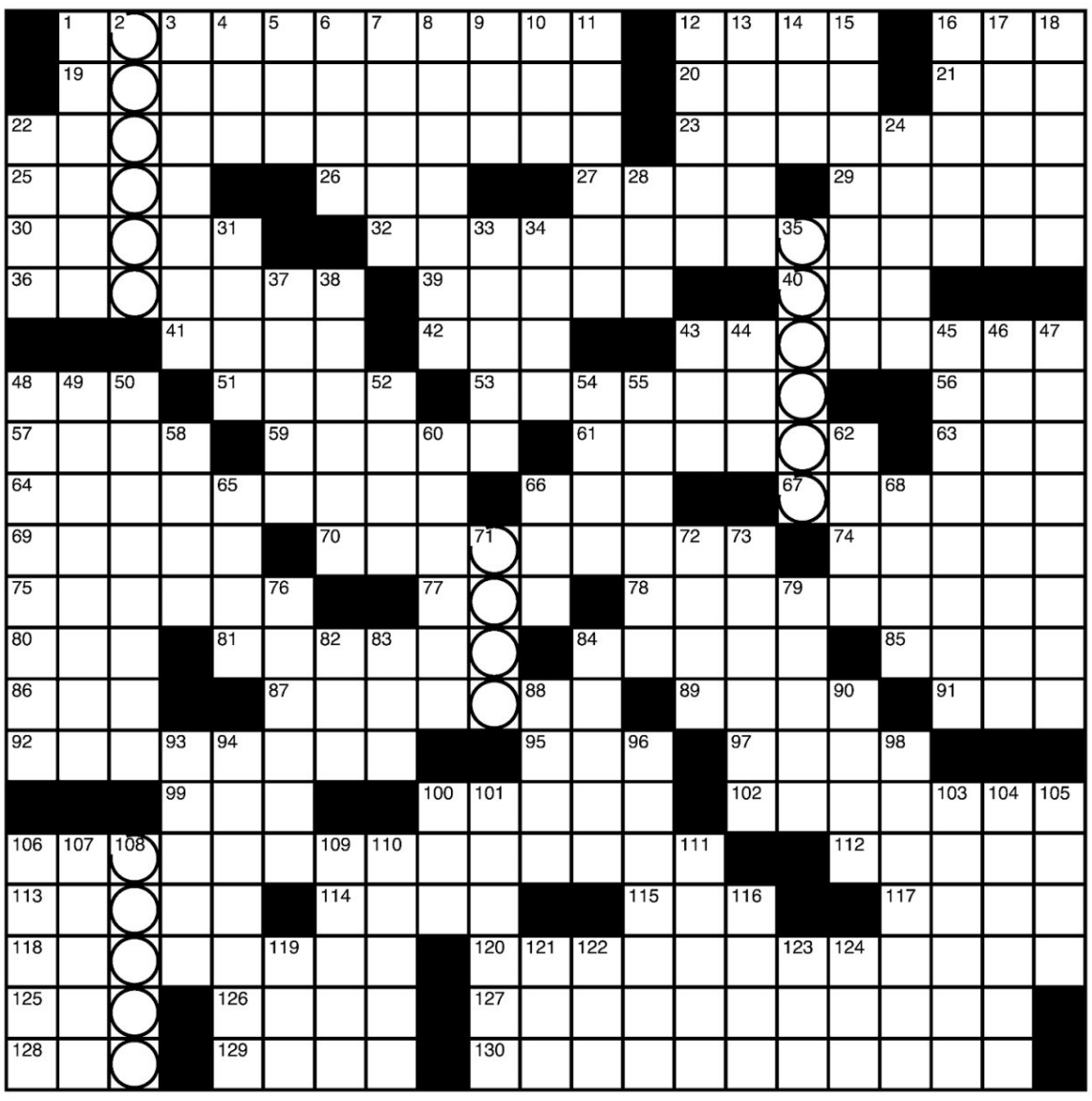
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He made up excuses for why he didn't want to take tango lessons to —

DIS-DANCE HIMSELF

Juicy Tidbits

By Katrina Lee



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87. Soybeans served in the pod
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92. Dad's referral?
95. Boarding precedes it: Abbr.
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99. Half a martial art
100. Kendrick with a Pulitzer
102. On the lam
106. Résumé alert about an unfinished goal
112. Like a romantic dinner, in Paris
113. Chef's protection
114. Word with words or chance
115. Org. with many returns
117. Paris gal pal
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11. Make drinkable, as seawater
12. 70-Across nephew
13. "Mr. __": Rami Malek drama
14. ORD posting
15. Zoom annoyance
16. Amtrak speedster
17. Sultan's group
18. Intimidate, with "down"
22. Identical
24. Foretell
28. Paris article
31. Trivia night settings
33. Flings
34. "That's wrong __ many levels"
35. Like some remedies
37. Hammer parts
38. "Ghost Story" author Peter
43. Forbid
44. Flood shelter
45. 23andMe discovery
46. "Thank the Lord!"
47. Got a move on
48. Instruction
49. "__ Holiday": opening section of Copland's "Rodeo"
50. First woman to be named Doctor of the Church, briefly
52. __ B'rith
54. Tory adversary
55. __ de' Medici, first de facto Lord of Florence
58. Berry in a bowl
60. Garlic genus
62. Get plastered
65. Piedmont bubbly
66. Classic U.K. sports cars
68. Prepare, as beans
71. Fett in "The Mandalorian"
72. De __: again
73. Stain
76. Short on iron, maybe
79. Serf of Sparta
82. Ruckus
83. Cap with a pompon
84. Convened in
88. Idea that spreads in a culture
90. "First Lady of Song"
93. Entrance porch
94. Teen dystopian novel narrator
96. Hanukkah top
98. Duchamp, for one
100. CD precursors
101. Lets out, say
103. Channel changer
104. Kind of pig that's not a pig
105. They can be tricky to run into
106. Daybreaks
107. Foil relatives
108. Putting __
109. Designer Ashley
110. Like some cornered kings
111. "You know the __"
116. 90-Down's improv
119. Just make, with "out"
121. Good name, briefly
122. "Star Wars" nickname
123. German "Alas!"
124. __ the line

SCRABBLEGRAMS

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JUMBLE

By Jeff Knurek and David L. Hoyt
Tribune Content Agency

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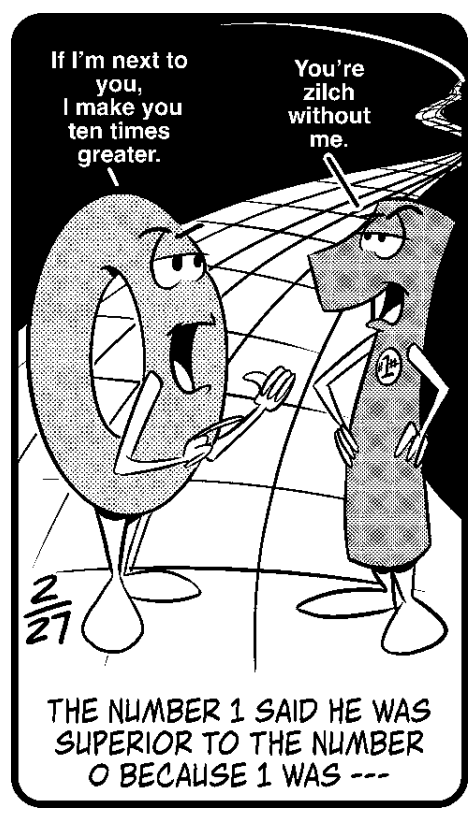
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By The Mepham Group

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BOGGLE BRAIN BUSTERS!

By David L. Hoyt & Jeff Knurek

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LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE SOLUTIONS, D6

MY PET WORLD

Woman wants 2 female dogs, rescue group says no

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
Tribune Content Agency



Take caution before adopting two dogs of the same sex. VALERIA SANGIOVANNI/DREAMSTIME

Dear Cathy: We adopted a 6-month-old dog from a local dog rescue in August. She is sweet and well-behaved. She is very playful, and we want to get another dog. I work from home and feel our home can accommodate another dog. We went back to the rescue where we got her, and they told us we could not adopt another female dog. I've never heard of not having two female dogs in a home together. What are your thoughts?

— Nancy, Las Vegas

Dear Nancy: Some rescue groups are cautious about adopting two dogs of the same sex into the same home. The concern is that dogs of the same sex, especially if they are close in age, will fight for territory and resources. They may do that; and they may not. Many homes have multiple female dogs and multiple male dogs who get along just fine. It just depends on the dogs' personalities.

Most animal shelters don't have these rules. Instead, they conduct meet-and-greets to ensure dogs are well-paired regardless of their sex. (They can usually spot potential aggression problems.) It also can help to space out the ages of the dogs so a younger dog, like a puppy, won't threaten an older dog's alpha status. While I wouldn't adopt puppies from the same litter regardless of sex, I wouldn't hesitate to have two female dogs in the house, so long as they are both fixed. Go for it.

Dear Cathy: Seven months ago, I adopted a mixed 4-year-old part Pekingese/Chihuahua. He is a loving dog but has a major problem.

When I try to put him on a leash, he screams like someone is beating him. He walks well beside me on the sidewalk and doesn't like other dogs or people. I need to get him on a leash because we have leash laws in our county. Walking loose is not an option even though he does it well. Do you have any suggestions?

— Pat, Ellicott City, Maryland

Dear Pat: Try this. Put the leash on him in the house (where people can't hear his reaction), toss some high-value treats onto the floor, and walk away. Give him one to two minutes to see if he stops fussing. If he stops and eats the treats, then leave the leash on him for a while before taking it off. You can leave it on him all day, as long as you are home to monitor him. Do this several times a day, building up the time the leash is on him.

Over time, he should realize that the leash is not a bad thing and that he can still do the normal things he likes to do with it attached to his collar, especially if there are yummy treats involved.

When you feel he is used to the leash, toss some treats to the floor again, grab the leash, and walk outside with him. Feed him more treats as you do, so he is focused on the food and not paying attention to who's holding his leash.

If this doesn't work, try a harness since the leash attaches to his back and not his neck. Follow the same directions as above so he can get used to it being attached to him.

Let me know if these things work or if we need to come up with a new strategy.

Dear Cathy: I have a comment about the pheromone collars you often mention for cats. I have four cats. One of the older cats would occasionally mark a spot on the rug near our couch; I don't know why. After cleaning it up too many times, I decided to try a pheromone collar. The good news is it works. It's been three months and no more marking. The bad news is the collars will not stay on. At least twice a day, I have to readjust the collar before it falls off or hunt it down in the house because it's already fallen off. I gave these collars a 2-star review on Amazon because of this and will look for different brands to try. But they work.

— Bill, Gloucester, Virginia

Dear Bill: If your cat has stopped marking, but you want to keep using the pheromones, you could switch to a plug-in pheromone for the house or a spray-on pheromone that you could use on your cat or on objects around the house. The cost is about the same each month, and you should only need to use one of these methods to continue this success.

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Party guest played by rules, but failed to read the room



Judith Martin
Miss Manners

Dear Miss Manners: One evening, I had a gathering of eight friends for cards and a "white elephant" gift exchange. One guest, "Moira," came as a substitute player, sent by an absent member. None of us had met her before.

We tried to make her feel welcome, but she seemed a bit distant and cold, and never seemed to fit in very well. When it came to the gift exchange, the first gift was selected and opened by "Heather," and it became evident how much she loved it. She rejoiced over it, exclaiming how tickled she was to receive it, telling us how she would use it and thanking the giver profusely.

As we went around the circle, members could either select an unopened gift or "steal" an already-opened one from someone else. We came to Moira last, just because of where she was sitting in the circle. She opted to steal the gift from Heather, who was visibly disappointed to lose it. But she took it in stride and we moved on with the evening.

Later, however, several of the regular members remarked privately to me that they didn't think Moira should have stolen Heather's gift. They were upset that Moira would be so heartless as a one-time guest in someone else's home. If Heather had not expressed such delight over the gift, it would have been different.

By the way, there were a few other "steals" that evening, but none of them was so obviously hurtful. Yes, she was playing by the rules of the gift exchange, but we thought she showed very little sensitivity. What do you think? Are we wrong to think poorly of Moira?

Gentle reader: Having no stakes in the social aspect of this gathering, Moira chose instead to win the game — and not to read the room. For that, Miss Manners understands that you think poorly of her.

However, the situation might give you pause — before future such gatherings — to wonder why it is considered fun to be given presents, only to have them taken away. Poor Heather deserves a singing bass that she can keep.

Dear Miss Manners: I have a friend who asks me from time to time to go shopping with her. Neither of us has a car, so we use public transit, and always eat out where we shop.

The trouble is, she finds a problem with everything — from the driver of the bus to whatever she has ordered at the restaurant. At a restaurant, for example, she will order more biscuits or a to-go drink AFTER the bill has been presented. She is very loud and repetitive about making her case known. She will keep repeating herself over the person in charge, confusing them and blaming them.

I have told her that her complaints would be more effective if she did not scream repeatedly at the staff, and also that it is wrong to order food after the bill arrives. But she says they expect this, as she has waitress experience — which amounts to about six months over the course of her 58 years. It's left me not wanting to go shopping with her at all.

Other than this behavior, I love her conversation and company. Any ideas on how to deal with her?

Gentle reader: Well, not by shopping or eating out, as Miss Manners trusts that you have learned.

Why don't the two of you go fishing together? Or hiking in the mountains? Or skydiving? Then you could enjoy each other's conversation without causing collateral damage.

Dear Miss Manners: My email was hacked. Some of my loving, trusting, generous — and also naive — friends were tricked into sending money to scammers because they thought they were helping me. I am grateful to have such friends, but naturally I feel rotten about this. Everybody tells me I am not to blame, even the ones who were defrauded, but I still feel guilty and responsible.

My etiquette problem is that part of the scam was the promise of repayment. That will not happen.

My friends may not be able to afford losing the money they thought they were simply loaning to me on a short-term basis. As it happens, though technically not responsible, I can help, and am anxious to. How do I go about it in a delicate and sensitive way? They may have their pride.

Gentle reader: Become exceedingly generous whenever you can, bestowing presents on these generous people. That should quell any issues of pride. But if they question your generosity, tell them, "Let's just say that this is from me and the 'prince' who scammed you."

To send a question to the Miss Manners team of Judith Martin, Nicholas Ivor Martin and Jacobina Martin, go to missmanners.com or write them c/o Universal Uclick, 1130 Walnut St., Kansas City, MO 64106.

New homes for old fur coats



Ellen Warren
Answer Angel

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: My friend is downsizing. She inherited three furs from her mother and cannot find anyone who would like them: a full-length dark brown mink coat, size 14-ish, a dark mink stole made from four skins and a two-skin sable stole that comes to the knees. She is willing to donate them. Thank you.

— Sally H.

Dear Sally: Changing sensibilities have vastly reduced the popularity of wearing fur — even if the coat or jacket was made decades ago.

Bloomingdale's and other department stores are shutting down their fur salons for lack of interest.

My visits to consignment, vintage clothing and charity thrift shops turn up lots of fur garments and accessories but few buyers. Check with your local shops to see if they'll take the furs.

You can use those old furs that have been in the family and might have sentimental value in other ways. Find vendors on etsy.com who will turn your fur garments into cuddly "memory bears" (for kids and grandkids?) from your old fur for $100-$125.

Sites like onceupon atimecreation.com will recycle your fur into keepsake pillows or a clutch purse.

Old fur also can be upcycled as a warm lining for a raincoat if you want to keep your fur under wraps. And some animal rescue and animal rehabilitation centers accept donated furs for warm bedding at animal shelters.

Dear Answer Angel Ellen: I have worn Chloé Eau du Toilette spray since it first came out in the '70s. It's been "my signature scent" since then. I believe that they even reformulated it a bit in the early 2000s, but I hung in there. It became increasingly harder to find. I recently discovered that it has been discontinued altogether.

You can find it on eBay, but the cost is prohibitive. I have tried searching online for a substitute, but haven't had much luck.

Do you have a source to find out if there is current cologne, available at a local pharmacy or department store, that is close in copying the smell of Chloé?

— Susan B.

Dear Susan: You are not alone. I've heard from other dismayed readers, bereft that their fragrance is no longer available except for huge prices on eBay. My search online for a Chloé dupe (as in duplicate) was unsuccessful.

However, I've written before about Aroma Workshop (aromaworkshop.com), which has a beautiful new location at 2110 N. Halsted St. in Chicago. Owner Tedd Neeson tells me he can help even if you can't drop by the shop. He says that if you send in a sample of your Chloé, he can try to match it or he'll create a unique fragrance just for you that will be a new signature scent that you might like even more. Give the shop a call at 773-871-1985 to discuss how to proceed.

Now it's your turn

Send your questions, rants, tips, favorite finds — on style, shopping, makeup, fashion and beauty — to answerangelellen@gmail.com.



Changing sensibilities have vastly reduced the popularity of wearing fur. DREAMSTIME

Saget's death calls attention to head injuries

By Jon Healey
Los Angeles Times



The late actor Bob Saget and his wife, Kelly Rizzo, in Hollywood on March 6, 2019. Saget died most likely of head trauma after a fall in his hotel room, a Florida medical examiner said. **CHRIS DELMAS/GETTY-AFP**

The death of popular comedian Bob Saget while on tour in Florida recently was surprising and tragic, but the injury that claimed his life is more common than you might think.

According to the medical examiner in Florida who performed the autopsy, Saget most likely fell and struck the back of his head, causing bleeding on his brain. Saget's family said he probably thought nothing of the injury and went to sleep. A hotel employee found him dead in bed the next afternoon.

On a typical day, brain injuries like Saget's claim the lives of more than 160 people in the United States, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says. About 61,000 people died from a traumatic brain injury, or TBI, in the U.S. in 2019 alone.

Granted, the most common cause of death from TBI is a gun-related suicide. Car crashes and assaults are other common sources of these injuries. But almost half the hospitalizations from TBI come from the simple act of falling down, the CDC says.

Saget was 65, putting him in an age group that's particularly susceptible to damaging falls. A 2006 study published by the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society found that "in persons aged 65 and older, TBI is responsible for more than 80,000 emergency department visits each year; three-quarters of these visits result in hospitalization as a result of the injury." More than half of those injuries resulted from falls.

According to the CDC, "data suggest that some groups are at greater risk of dying from a TBI or experiencing long-term health problems after the injury." Those groups include racial and ethnic minorities, members and veterans of the armed services, homeless people, and residents of rural areas.

Everyone hits their head on something at some point in their lives. So how do you tell when there's cause for alarm? Here's some advice from three experts on brain injuries: Dr. Christopher C. Giza, director of the UCLA Steve Tisch BrainSport Program; Dr. May Kim-Tenser, a neurologist with Keck Medicine of USC; and Dr. Joshua Marcus, a neurosurgeon at Nuvance Health in Connecticut.

What causes a traumatic brain injury?

Thousands of Americans suffer traumatic brain injuries every year, but incidents like the ones that claimed Saget's life are rare. And although head traumas are "super common," Marcus said, "the overwhelming minority result in anything serious."

Bumping the headboard as you're getting into bed shouldn't send you to the hospital. "It has to be a pretty traumatic fall," Kim-Tenser said. "It really has to be a pretty hard hit to the head," involving a hard impact on a hard surface.

Giza agreed. "Hitting your head on the headboard is not going to create a lot of force," he said. By contrast, he said, "slipping in the bathroom and hitting your head on the side of the bathtub is going to have considerable force."

The brain can also be injured in a less direct way, when a forceful event — a car wreck, for example — shoves it against the skull. A shearing injury is when "the brain is going one way, the force is going the other way," Marcus said. Then there are contracoup injuries, when a force on one side of the head sends the brain into the skull on the other side.

The damage is caused when a blood vessel inside the skull ruptures, causing blood to pool between the brain and its surroundings. "The skull is a closed box, largely," Giza said, "so if you start filling up part of that space with bleeding, the rest of the stuff gets squished."

Once you start squeezing the brain, it doesn't work very well. People can go into a coma or become paralyzed. And if the pressure is applied to the brain stem (the part near the spinal cord), it can interfere with a person's breathing and heartbeat, Giza said. Beyond that, he said, the pooled blood irritates the surface of the brain, potentially triggering seizures.

Giza and Marcus said that some parts of the head are worse than others when it comes to brain injuries. Because the compartment around the brain stem is relatively small, Giza said, it takes less blood to cause problems there. And fracturing the temporal bone above the ear could sever an artery, causing blood to flow rapidly into the brain, Marcus said.

Red-flag symptoms

Experts say the telltale signs of a serious brain injury tend to be changes in behavior and mental functions. A seizure, paralysis, substantial confusion, a loss of coordination and vomiting are red flags that should send you straight to the emergency room, Giza said.

Kim-Tenser also pointed to feeling disoriented and drifting in and out of lucidity as indications of a real problem. Marcus added numbness and tingling to the list, as well as feeling lethargic or sleepy. "Being tired after a head injury is a bad sign," Marcus said.

That's not necessarily a reason to keep a person who's suffered a blow to the head awake all night, Giza said. But monitoring that person is extremely important, he said, because it's a sign of a serious problem if neurological or behavioral symptoms get worse over time.

For example, mild headaches are common after head injuries, so they're not red flags on their own. But if they get worse instead of fading after a few days, that's a reason to see your doctor.

Marcus noted that sometimes injuries cause delayed bleeding, so crucial symptoms may take a few days to emerge. That's especially true with older patients, he said.

"It isn't very common for somebody to hit their head and then to have a serious brain bleed and not have it detected," Giza said. "But another risk that can amplify things is if somebody is completely alone. Being completely alone is extremely problematic if your symptoms start to get worse." If you start to get confused or have memory problems and you're by yourself, he said, you may not recognize the situation you're in.

As with so many things in medicine, personal factors can play an important role in determining whether a head trauma results in serious injury. According to the Cleveland Clinic, you're more susceptible to brain bleeding if you're older, because the blood vessels around your brain are more susceptible to tearing; if you're a hemophiliac or taking blood thinners; if you play contact sports; if you abuse alcohol, because "damaged livers can't produce enough of the proteins that help the blood to clot;" or if you're a baby, because your weak neck muscles leave you more prone to head injury.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Using sunflower seeds to stay awake while driving

By Joe Graedon, M.S., and Teresa Graedon, Ph.D.
King Features Syndicate



Many readers have used a strategy involving sunflower seeds to stay awake while driving long distances. **DREAMSTIME**

Q: Some time ago, you wrote about eating sunflower seeds to keep awake while driving. You didn't explain the technique correctly. I use this tactic myself as someone who easily gets sleepy behind the wheel. I learned about it while spending a lot of time in Israel, where it is a common practice.

An experienced Israeli does not use his hands on the sunflower seeds other than to pop a new seed in his mouth or remove the old shell for discard. Or, even better, spitting out the old shell!

The activity that keeps one awake is the act of manipulating the seed inside the mouth with one's tongue and shelling it without using one's hands. It takes a little practice! Eating seeds like this one at a time also has the advantage of ingesting very few calories for the time spent shelling the seed inside one's mouth. It's better than candy.

A: Thank you for the detailed explanation. Others have also used a somewhat similar strategy to stay awake while driving.

One reader wrote: "Wow! I've been vindicated. For decades, I drove thousands of miles for work. Drowsiness was a big issue. The only thing that worked was eating something, and my go-to became, ahem: shelled, unsalted sunflower seeds! I kept them in a cup and tipped a few into my mouth when I needed to stay awake while driving. This way seeds were not handled, keeping germs away and oil off the driving wheel."

Q: I have read in your column about something called "power pudding" for constipation. Years ago, I made the recipe, and it worked really well for my husband when he was suffering. I seem to remember that it had bran and applesauce, but I cannot remember the other ingredients.

Could you please share it and any other remedies that might be helpful? I don't want to use laxatives.

A: We first heard about this recipe from nurses who were taking care of hospitalized patients. This approach requires a lot of fluid to prevent obstruction in the throat.

Power pudding contains 1 cup of applesauce, 1 cup of coarse wheat bran and ¾ cup of prune juice. Mix the ingredients together and take 1 to 2 tablespoons daily with a full 8-ounce glass of water. Keep the mixture refrigerated.

Q: I am of a certain age and have been dealing with vaginal dryness. My gynecologist recommended using coconut oil. She suggested putting the coconut oil in the freezer and using a small melon baller to create little globes of it.

I keep a supply of these in the freezer. Usually, one half is adequate to keep delicate tissues moisturized and comfortable.

A: As far as we can tell, there has not been a scientific study of coconut oil to treat vaginal dryness (atrophic vaginitis).

Nevertheless, many readers share your enthusiasm for coconut oil as a lubricant. Latex condoms may break down in the presence of oils, including coconut oil. And some people may be sensitive to this natural product.

Dermatologists often recommend patch testing any topical treatment by placing a dab on the inside of the forearm. Cover with a bandage and check 24 hours later to see if there is a reaction.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com

Q&A

Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation used for virus

Q: My uncle was diagnosed with COVID-19, and his doctors mentioned the possibility of putting him on ECMO. What does this mean?

A: A COVID-19 infection can lead to mild symptoms for many people, but for others, it can cause life-threatening lung failure. In cases like your uncle's, traditional life support measures, such as a ventilator to support breathing, do not provide enough oxygen to support the body's vital organs. Extracorporeal membrane oxygenation, or ECMO, also known as extracorporeal life support, or ECLS, is a form of heart-lung bypass that is used to provide the body with additional oxygen when other measures have failed. The ECMO device removes blood from the patient's body, sends it through an artificial lung, and then returns the fully oxygenated blood back to the body.



ECMO is used to help people who are ill with a heart or lung condition. **DREAMSTIME**

ECMO is used to help people who are ill with a heart or lung condition. This may include patients with COVID-19, as well as those with pulmonary or cardiac issues.

ECMO may be used with heart conditions such as heart attack, cardiomyopathy, myocarditis, sepsis and cardiogenic shock. In addition to COVID-19, ECMO may be used with lung or pulmonary conditions such as acute respiratory distress syndrome, congenital diaphragmatic hernia, flu, pneumonia, a pulmonary embolism or pulmonary hypertension.

There are two types of ECMO support. Venovenous ECMO is used to support the lungs, and venoarterial ECMO is used to support both the heart and the lungs.

In both types of ECMO, blood is removed from the body through a small tube that is placed into a large blood vessel in the patient's neck, chest or groin. The blood is sent through an artificial lung in the ECMO machine, which removes carbon dioxide and adds oxygen into the blood. The blood is then rewarmed and sent back into the body through another small tube. This method allows the blood to bypass the heart or lungs. By doing this, your uncle's body and organs can rest and heal.

ECMO requires the support of a large health care team. It is typically performed at large hospitals that have established programs dedicated to caring for these critically ill patients.

While on ECMO, your uncle will be monitored continuously by his health care team. They will measure his heart rate, blood pressure, oxygen levels, temperature and more. People on ECMO may undergo tests to monitor their condition. They also will have routine blood draws to monitor oxygen and carbon dioxide levels in the blood; blood cells and platelets; and more. Blood draws also will be used to monitor and adjust the anticoagulation medications used to thin the blood and decrease the risk of blood clots.

People on ECMO receive sedation and pain medications to help make them comfortable. They will be asleep and remain on the ventilator to help them breathe. In some cases, they may be able to wake up and be removed from the ventilator, allowing them to talk and participate in their own care, including physical therapy. Once the patient begins to show signs of recovery, the ECMO device will slowly be turned down to allow the patient's body to start functioning on its own.

Your uncle will come off ECMO when his lungs have recovered enough to function on their own. The amount of time depends on the specifics of the patient's condition.

— Errin Kalvelage, R.R.T., L.R.T., Cardiovascular Surgery, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

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Heti borrows from her life to feed her fiction

New book unfolds in 'surprising way' with father's death

By Joumana Khatib
The New York Times

In her poignant and imaginative new novel, "Pure Colour," Sheila Heti opens with an unusual concept: Humans are bears, fish or birds.

Those who care most about their closest relationships are bears. People focused on the common good are fish. And those most preoccupied by beauty and aesthetics are birds.

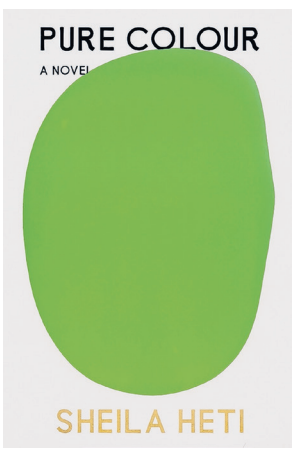
"People born from these three different eggs will never completely understand each other," Heti writes, but "fish, birds and bears are all equally important in the eye of God."

It is an idea she has been turning over in her mind for the better part of 15 years. When she was writing "How Should a Person Be?" — her breakout novel — more than a decade ago, she envisioned the possibility that "God was three art critics in the sky," she said.

Criticism figures prominently in Heti's worldview ("I think the critic is trying to keep bad art out of art history") as well as "Pure Colour," which Farrar, Straus & Giroux recently published. Heti, 45, initially set out to write a novel about art criticism, and traces of her original project flicker across the book.

Her protagonist, Mira, a young woman living in a "first draft of existence," enrolls in a prestigious critics training academy, where inchoate writers learn how to think. (Mira, it should be said, is a bird.)

As a student, Mira encounters and falls in love with a young woman



'Pure Colour'
By Sheila Heti; Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 224 pages, $26.

named Annie. But Mira's most complicated relationship is with her father, who introduces her to the beauty and mystery of the world, and whose love she both cherished and found stifling.

"Mira craved to live a cold ice bath of a life," Heti writes. "It had been hard to be held so closely by the most bearish bear."

Once her father dies, however, the story's heart skips a beat. Mira, who had been so certain of her path and her desires, reconsiders her choices. Her father's soul transforms into a leaf, and Mira joins him there for a time, weighing whether to stay suspended in the comfort of his closeness or return to living a full life.

Heti did not intend to write a book about loss. In 2018, as she was drafting "Pure Colour," her father died, and she began writing about her experiences and emotions in longhand, separate from the novel.

It wasn't until she looked back at what she wrote months later that she realized it belonged in what became "Pure Colour."

"I've never had a book unfold for me in such a surprising way," she said.

Heti, the author of 10 books, is accustomed to borrowing from her own life to feed her fiction.

Her two most recent novels, "Motherhood," about a woman's decision whether to have a child, and "How Should a Person Be?," feature protagonists who are Canadian writers. They are questioning and restless and look outside themselves — to their friends, to art, to the I Ching — for answers.

Reconstituted email exchanges and relayed conversations often appear in Heti's work, inviting comparisons to autofiction writers such as Rachel Cusk and Ben Lerner.

"She understands what it takes to examine and make something out of nothing," author and artist Leanne Shapton, a friend of Heti's who has collaborated with her on several illustrated projects, wrote in an email. "That sometimes making work is like giving CPR to a drowning victim for 36 hours, or months, straight. Whether it lives or dies, she's there."

Heti grew up in Toronto, the daughter of Hungarian Jewish parents, and Jewish theology and history shapes much of her work. She studied art history and philosophy at the University of Toronto after leaving the National Theatre School of Canada, where she seriously considered becoming a playwright. (Playwriting once appealed to her more than writing novels, she has said, which "seemed the most boring possible thing you could do.")

Her first book, a collection of fablelike tales called "The Middle Stories," was published in 2001, when she was 24. Her 2005 novel, "Ticknor," was inspired by the real-life friendship between 19th-century



Sheila Heti, who is seen Jan. 11 at home in Toronto, considers how love and art can heal in her poignant and imaginative new novel, "Pure Colour." **NARISA LADAK/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

authors William Hickling Prescott and George Ticknor.

But with "How Should a Person Be?," released in the United States in 2012, Heti began "thinking about the novel from scratch and what writing was for me," she said. Even though she had already written two books, "I had so many very basic questions that I felt I needed to answer."

Her friendship with painter Margaux Williamson — along with remembered conversations and scenes from her life — form the backbone of "How Should a Person Be?," which is divided into acts like a play and explores how the two women arranged their lives as artists.

"In her work, she's used herself as the fool; she's practiced at being self-deprecating," Williamson said. "But what Sheila's doing is acknowledging the ego that's present in every creative work and getting it out of the way."

In Heti's earlier books, readers see characters in the world engaging in philosophical or aesthetic jousts, at parties, in conversation with friends. The characters in those novels don't tend to linger in discomfort: Scenes and moods change quickly.

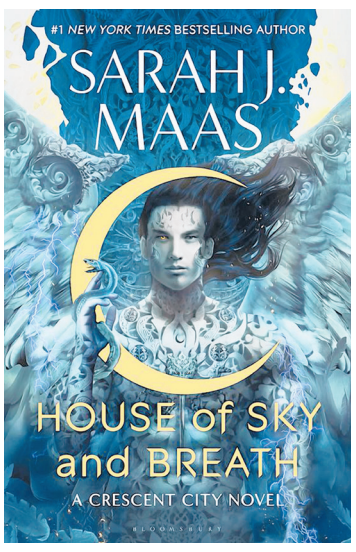
But readers of "Pure Colour" stay with Mira through some wrenching emotion.

Part of the change, Heti said, comes from her "becoming less afraid of feeling things." With an experience as all-encompassing as grief, "there isn't really a way of running away from it."

NATIONAL BESTSELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. "House of Sky and Breath (Crescent City Series #2)" by Sarah J. Maas (Bloomsbury) *Last week: —*



2. "Diablo Mesa" by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child (Grand Central) *Last week: —*

3. "Abandoned in Death" by J.D. Robb (St. Martin's) *Last week: 1*

4. "Gwendy's Final Task" by Stephen King and Richard Chizmar (Cemetery Dance) *Last week: —*

5. "Sierra Six" by Mark Greaney (Berkley) *Last week: —*

6. "Dawnshard: From the Stormlight Archive" by Brandon Sanderson (Tor) *Last week: —*

7. "The Last Thing He Told Me: A Novel" by Laura Dave (Simon & Schuster) *Last week: 2*

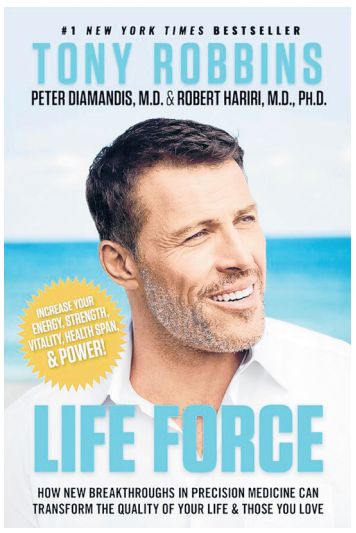
8. "The Judge's List: A Novel" by John Grisham (Doubleday) *Last week: 4*

9. "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles (Viking) *Last week: 6*

10. "The Horsewoman" by James Patterson and Mike Lupica (Little, Brown) *Last week: 5*

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. "Life Force: How New Breakthroughs in Precision Medicine Can Transform the Quality of Your Life & Those You Love" by Tony Robbins, Peter H. Diamandis and Robert Hariri (Simon & Schuster) *Last week: 1*



2. "PlantYou: 140+ Ridiculously Easy, Amazingly Delicious Plant-Based Oil-Free Recipes" by Carleigh Bodrug (Hachette Go) *Last week: —*

3. "Good Enough: 40ish Devotionals for a Life of Imperfection" by Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie (Convergent) *Last week: —*

4. "Atlas of the Heart: Mapping Meaningful Connection and the Language of Human Experience" by Brene Brown (Random House) *Last week: 4*

5. "The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story" by Nikole Hannah-Jones (One World) *Last week: 6*

6. "Red-Handed: How American Elites Get Rich Helping China Win" by Peter Schweizer (Harper) *Last week: 2*

7. "The Art of Star Wars: The Mandalorian (Season Two)" by Phil Szostak (Abrams) *Last week: —*

8. "Competing in the New World of Work: How Radical Adaptability Separates the Best from the Rest" by Keith Ferrazzi, Kian Gohar and Noel Weyrich (Harvard Business Review) *Last week: —*

9. "The Way of Integrity: Finding the Path to Your True Self" by Martha Beck (Open Field) *Last week: 7*

10. "The Real Anthony Fauci: Bill Gates, Big Pharma, and the Global War on Democracy and Public Health" by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (Skyhorse) *Last week: 9*

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— Publishers Weekly

NONFICTION REVIEWS

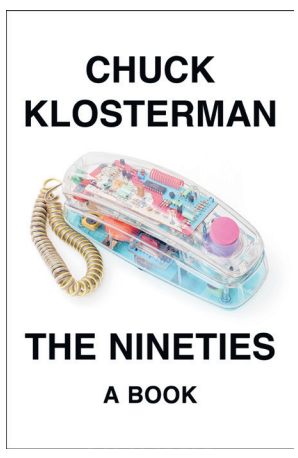
A deep dive into 'The Nineties'

"The Nineties" is subtitled "A Book," just in case generations after X don't remember those. And there's no one more qualified to write it than Chuck Klosterman. Always an astute cultural observer and a fan of deep dives into any subject, Klosterman is focused here on a decade in American life that he says is often portrayed as "a low-risk grunge cartoon." Or put another way: "The nineties were not an age for the aspirant. The worst thing you could be was a sellout ... (which) meant you needed to be popular, and any explicit desire for approval was enough to prove you were terrible."

For Americans born between 1966 and 1981, "The Nineties" is full of "remember that?" moments. There's nostalgia on every page. Where were you when Al Cowlings drove his buddy O.J. Simpson in a Ford Bronco down the 405 in LA, rarely exceeding 40 miles per hour? And who can forget the experience of wandering the aisles of Blockbuster, which relied on promotional cardboard boxes to lure viewers?

Klosterman's gift is seizing on those moments that any Gen Xer can readily recall and pulling the strings a bit to put it in some kind of historical perspective. Here's a great passage about telephones during the decade: "Modern people worry about smartphone addiction, despite the fact that landlines exercised much more control over the owner. If you needed to take an important call, you just had to sit in the living room and wait for it. There was no other option. If you didn't know where someone was, you had to wait until that person wanted to be found."

It's tempting for readers to interpret the book as just memories of a more



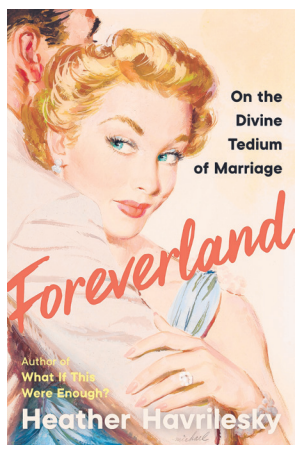
'The Nineties'
By Chuck Klosterman; Penguin Press, 384 pages, $28.

innocent, less instant age. But Klosterman does a good job putting everything in its place.

"Times change, because that's what times do," he writes. The book ends with an essay about Sept. 11, 2001. Before the attacks, there were things happening in the world that you heard about, but they were like "New Yorker stories you didn't need to finish," writes Klosterman. When terrorists crashed four planes and killed nearly 3,000 people, he writes, "the nineties collapsed with the skyscrapers." *— Rob Merrill, Associated Press*

Heather Havrilesky's new memoir, "Foreverland: On the Divine Tedium of Marriage," is a wise, witty, profane, even profound, meditation on her 15-year marriage to a college professor, Bill, who emailed her a fan letter when he read on her blog that she was newly single.

It is also about trying to raise two kids while holding down a full-time job as a TV critic; living in a hipster neighborhood in LA, then moving to a deeply uncool suburb; toying for longer than feels necessary or comfortable with the idea of cheating



'Foreverland'
By Heather Havrilesky; Ecco, 304 pages, $27.99.

on her husband; finding out she has breast cancer — but just a tiny bit of it; and finally, realizing that she and Bill are on the greatest adventure of their lives and will almost certainly be on it until one of them dies. In which case, she notes wryly, the marriage will have been a success.

"Every book about marriage is also a book about mortality, since the success of any marriage is defined not by happiness or good fortune but by death," she writes in the first chapter. "The assignment, after all, is to stay together until you die. Once one spouse perishes, the marriage has succeeded. Death signals victory."

Havrilesky has written three previous books: a memoir of growing up in the '70s; an anthology of advice columns; and a collection of essays. Sometimes in this latest book her writing bogs down or turns purple when she tries to link one chapter to the next to propel the story forward. She needn't have worried. Her voice is so engaging, and her comic timing so impeccable, that she turns the "divine tedium" of her marriage into a rollicking adventure for her readers, too. *— Ann Levin, Associated Press*

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UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Huskies can't get too amped after latest success



Georgetown and head coach Patrick Ewing will be looking for their first Big East win of the season on Sunday against UConn. **NICK WASS/ AP**

Beating 'Nova is good, but season far from over

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

WASHINGTON — R.J. Cole knows he and the rest of the UConn men's basketball team can't buy into its own hype.

The Huskies are coming off their best win of the season, a 71-69 victory over No. 8 Villanova, and have just three games remaining in the regular season.

Cole knows he and his teammates can't get complacent.

"There was a lot going on after the game against Villanova," he said. "I don't try to pay too much attention to it. There's more basketball to be played. That wasn't the end of our season."

On Sunday, UConn comes in on a four-game winning streak to play Georgetown at the Capital One Arena. Then the No. 21 Huskies (20-7, 11-5 Big East) play Creighton on Wednesday and DePaul on Saturday. Each game presents a different challenge.

UConn plays a Georgetown team that is desperate for a win as it currently sits at 6-21 overall and 0-16 in the conference. This is the epitome of a trap game. The Huskies can't underestimate their opponent or it could cost them.

UConn coach Dan Hurley knows how desperate the Hoyas could be.

"Really serious teams this time of year, they know what is at stake with all these games," he said. "What you try to accomplish in March, it's important to win as

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UP NEXT
UConn at Georgetown
Noon, CBS
Inside: Breaking down 'experts' early bracket predictions, today's game against the Hoyas. **PAGE 5.**

MLB

Players remain in lockout limbo

Judge, Sale, others find fields to stay loose

By Mark Didtler
Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Aaron Judge stepped into the batting cage and sent a long, high drive completely out of the park.

Far behind the left-field wall, a couple of University of South Florida students paid no attention. They walked right past the stray ball that glistened in bright sunshine on the lush green grass — they had to get to class.

Campus life carries on. The big-league baseball world these days — now that's a lot different.

Caught in lockout limbo, Judge and his New York Yankees teammates, Boston ace Chris Sale, Atlanta slugger Adam Duvall and others are doing their best to stay loose. Instead of playing on perfect diamonds in spring training games that had been set to start this weekend, they've taken to open fields all over.

"We've got to be ready," Yankees infielder Gio Urshela said after a session with Gleyber Torres at Leto High School in Tampa.

"We can't wait, just like sitting on the couch. We've just got to be working. We enjoy working out, like hitting, all that."

There were players at one spring park — Max Scherzer, Gerrit Cole and Francisco Lindor were among those this week at Roger Dean Stadium in Jupiter, Florida, home of the St. Louis Cardinals and Miami Marlins, for negotiations with owners.

Otherwise, the complexes are shut for the pros and exhibition games are canceled. So as the Major League Baseball lockout reached its 87th day Saturday, players are finding their own places to break out the bats and balls.

Oakland Athletics second baseman Tony Kemp and his former Vanderbilt teammates are holding their own spring camp of sorts in Nashville, Tennessee, along with a handful of big leaguers who didn't go to school there but are welcomed by longtime Commodores coach Tim Corbin.

Atlanta right-hander Kyle Wright is working out alongside Giants catcher Curt Casali and San Francisco outfielder Mike Yastrzemski, Kemp's old college roommate. Most of them live within 10 minutes of each other, so there's a support network off the diamond too.

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UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

SAYING GOODBYE



JESSICA HILL/AP

Whether they've played a single season or their entire careers in Storrs, Senior Day is a rite of passage. On Sunday Geno Auriemma and the UConn women's basketball program pay tribute to four seniors: Olivia Nelson-Ododa, left, Christyn Williams, center, and Dorka Juhasz – along with Evina Westbrook (not pictured). The quartet will play their final regular-season home game on Sunday. For a closer look at the contributions of the four, **SEE PAGE 4.**

CHRISTYN WILLIAMS
The No.1 recruit in the Class of 2018, she has scored 1,724 points as a Husky.

OLIVIA NELSON-ODODA
Maturing as a leader, she blocked 44 shots. Her versatility helped Huskies persevere.

EVINA WESTBROOK
Once assigned to come off the bench, she has provided the spark UConn needed

DORKA JUHASZ
Found a new home as grad transfer, and could return next season.

What's next for Bueckers and team?



On Friday, it was all about Paige Bueckers making her return to the court after 10 weeks recovering from her knee injuries. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

Huskies prepare for regular-season finale against Providence

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant

As Paige Bueckers was eying her return to action for the UConn women's basketball team, she was listening to her body, and looking at the schedule.

"About a week ago, she was able to get out on the court and do stuff that would have to happen in a game, instead of just walk through this and walk through that," Geno Auriemma said. "And I asked her, do you want to play and she said, 'No, I'm not ready.' So I said, 'She'll tell me when she's ready,' and if I didn't hear from her soon, she wasn't going to play [before the end of the regular season].

"But the one thing she didn't want to do, she didn't want Sunday to be her first game. She was too conscious that it was Senior Day. She didn't want that to be her first game, so she was adamant she wanted to play Friday night."

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UP NEXT
UConn vs. Providence
Today, 2 p.m. (at Gampel) CBSSN



SPORTS

UP NEXT

UConn MBB: at Georgetown, Sunday, noon; at Creighton, Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; DePaul (Gampel), Saturday, 5 p.m.
UConn WBB: Providence (Gampel), Sunday, 2 p.m.; Big East Quarterfinal vs. TBD, Saturday, noon; Big East Semifinal vs. TBD (if necessary), 3 p.m.
Celtics: at Pacers, Sunday, 5 p.m.; Hawks, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; Grizzlies, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Knicks: 76ers, Sunday, 1 p.m.; at 76ers, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Suns, Friday, 10 p.m.
Nets: Raptors, Monday, 7:30 p.m.; at Raptors, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; Heat, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
UConn hockey: Vermont, Friday, 7 p.m.; Vermont, Saturday, 3 p.m.; Hockey East Quarterfinal vs. TBD, March 12, time TBA
Bruins: at Kings, Monday, 10:30 p.m.; at Ducks, Tuesday, 10 p.m.; at Knights, Thursday, 9 p.m.
Rangers: Canucks, Sunday, 7:30 p.m.; Blues, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Devils, Friday, 7 p.m.
Wolf Pack: at Providence, Sunday, 3 p.m.; Belleville, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Hershey, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.

TV/RADIO

AUTO RACING
12:30 p.m.: IndyCar Racing Firestone Grand Prix of St. Petersburg. (Live) NBC
3:30 p.m.: NASCAR Cup Series Wise Power 400. (Live) FOX
BASKETBALL
12 p.m.: College: UConn at Georgetown. (Live), CBS.
12 p.m.: Women Boston College at Syracuse. (Live) ACC
12 p.m.: Women Louisville at Notre Dame. (Live) ESPN2
12 p.m.: Women DePaul at Creighton. (Live) FS1
12:30 p.m.: SMU at Houston. (Live) ESPN
1 p.m.: Philadelphia 76ers at New York Knicks. (Live) ABC
2 p.m.: Illinois at Michigan. (Live) CBS
2 p.m.: Women Florida State at Pittsburgh. (Live) ACC
2 p.m.: Women's College: Providence at UConn. (Live), CBSSN.
2:30 p.m.: Wichita State at Memphis. (Live) ESPN
2:30 p.m.: George Washington at George Mason. (Live) USA
3:30 p.m.: Utah Jazz at Phoenix Suns. (Live) ABC
4 p.m.: Ohio State at Maryland. (Live) CBS
4 p.m.: Women Duke at North Carolina. (Live) ACC
4 p.m.: East Tennessee State at UNC-Greensboro. (Live) CBSSN
4 p.m.: Women Michigan at Iowa. (Live) ESPN2
5 p.m.: Boston Celtics at Indiana Pacers. (Live), NBCSB.
5 p.m.: St. John's at DePaul. (Live) FS1
6 p.m.: Women NC State at Virginia Tech. (Live) ACC
7:30 p.m.: Dallas Mavericks at Golden State Warriors. (Live) ESPN
10:05 p.m.: New Orleans Pelicans at Los Angeles Lakers. (Live) ESPN
BOWLING
1 p.m.: Tournament of Champions Finals. (Live) FOX
GOLF
1 p.m.: Honda Classic, Final Round. (Live) GOLF
3 p.m.: Cologuard Classic, Final Round. (Live) GOLF
HOCKEY
1 p.m.: Edmonton Oilers at Carolina Hurricanes. (Live) SPRTNET NHL
3:30 p.m.: St. Louis Blues at Chicago Blackhawks. (Live) SPRTNET
6 p.m.: Pittsburgh Penguins at Columbus Blue Jackets. (Live) SPRTNET
7:30 p.m.: Vancouver Canucks at New York Rangers. (Live), MSG.
8:30 p.m.: New York Islanders at Anaheim Ducks. (Live) SPRTNET NHL
SOCCER
7 a.m.: Scottish Premier League Soccer Hibernian FC vs Celtic FC. (Live) CBSSN
8:30 a.m.: Fútbol Premier League (Live) TELE
9 a.m.: Premier League Soccer West Ham United vs Wolverhampton Wanderers. (Live) USA
9:25 a.m.: Italian Serie B Soccer AC Monza 1912 vs Lecce. (Live) FSP
9:30 a.m.: Bundesliga Soccer Bochum vs RB Leipzig. (Live) SPRTNET
3 p.m.: MLS Soccer Sporting Kansas City at Atlanta United FC. (Live) FS1
4:30 p.m.: MLS Soccer New York City FC at LA Galaxy. (Live) ESPN

CELTICS 113, PISTONS 104

Brown, Tatum lead Celtics to revenge win over Pistons

By Dave Hogg
Associated Press


Jaylen Brown passes the ball past the Pistons' Hamidou Diallo as he defends Saturday. **DUANE BURLESON/AP**

DETROIT — This time, the surging Boston Celtics topped the Detroit Pistons.

Jaylen Brown and Jayson Tatum led the way.

Brown scored 27 points and Tatum had 26 points and 11 rebounds, leading Boston to a 113-104 victory over Detroit on Saturday.

The Celtics won for the 11th time in 12 games. The lone blemish in their recent surge was a 112-111 home loss to Detroit on Feb. 16.

"Those guys always give us their best shot," Brown said. "We know we have to give them credit, but we felt like we could play better than that, and we did that in the third and fourth quarters tonight."

On Saturday, Boston was able to take advantage of Cade Cunningham's foul trouble.

"That's a young man right out of college, and we're already having to blitz him to get the ball out of his hands," Celtics coach Ime Udoka said. "He has already learned so much at this level that you want to make someone else beat you."

Cunningham led Detroit with 25 points in 27 minutes, but no one else approached 20 points.

"Cade's a young guy, and he will learn that we need him on the floor," Pistons coach Dwane Casey said. "We need his offense and we need his playmaking. We don't need him sitting on the bench with the coaches."

Payton Pritchard led Boston's second unit with 19 points and Grant Williams added 13.

"I really feel good about finding a role where I'm helping this team win," Pritchard said. "It has been a frustrating season at times, but things are going well now."

The Pistons lost guard Hamadou Diallo with 6:29 left in the second quarter after he was ejected for pushing official Suyash Mehta when they nearly collided in transition. Diallo was averaging 15.0 points and 7.3 rebounds in his last eight games.

"The official said they thought Hami was upset about the previous play and gave him a bump," Casey said. "I'm not a mind reader, but I thought he was just playing at 100 miles an hour and they got tangled up."

With Diallo gone, Casey had to stay with Cunningham after he picked up his fourth foul early in the third.

Cunningham, who played only nine minutes in the first half, had eight points in 11 third-quarter minutes without picking up his fifth foul. That was enough to put Detroit up 82-78 going into the fourth, but the Celtics quickly regained the lead with Cunningham on the bench.

"We knew we hadn't played our best game for the first three quarters, and we knew this team can play well enough to beat us," Udoka said. "We had 12 minutes to suck it up and win the game, and I thought we played one of our best defensive quarters of the season."

After Cunningham's fifth foul, Brown hit two 3-pointers to put Boston up 100-90 and force Casey into a timeout with 5:10 to play.

Barrett draws praise from Butler as the next 'face of the Knicks'

By Stefan Bondy
New York Daily News

NEW YORK — As a wayward season is prompting fans to again look toward the draft and potential trades for saviors, RJ Barrett is forcing another question: do the Knicks already have a future star on the roster?

Barrett got a "yes" out of Jimmy Butler following Friday's 46-point performance in a loss to the Heat. If Barrett hadn't missed so many free throws, he could've easily topped 50.

"He had a helluva game, an all-around game at that," Butler said. "We all know he's capable of that. I don't think anybody is surprised or should be surprised."

Barrett's ascension began on New Year's Eve, kickstarting a 21-game stretch with the following averages: 23.8 points and six rebounds on 44% shooting.

The same concerns remain with Barrett: his jumper is streaky, and he's not quick enough to dribble by defenders without a running start.

Still, Barrett's mindset is progressing. Earlier this month against the Lakers, he asked to guard LeBron and outscored the four-time MVP.

"His confidence. You could see it in the body language, you could see it in his face," Heat All-Star Bam Adebayo said. "He wants to be that guy. You could see he wants to take his team to another level."

Barrett agreed this is the best stretch of his career. "100%. I feel like I've been trying to be more consistent, trying to be aggressive but without forcing," he said.

The other side of this equation is Julius Randle. The power forward was top dog last season, earning the awards, the adulation and a $107 million contract extension.

Randle's style puts the ball in his hands, making him a less than ideal No. 2 next to Barrett or whomever else. Only seven times all season have Randle and Barrett scored at least 20 points apiece in the same game. On Friday, it was Barrett's turn. Randle missed 13 of his 15 shot attempts and chalked it up to post All-Star break struggles.

Where does Barrett's rise leave the Knicks and Randle? Can they count on this continuing?

These are important questions for the rest of the season, but Barrett has been providing some encouraging answers for the last two months.

COMMENTARY

It's time for KD, Irving to prove they can win now

By Mike Lupica
Columnist

NEW YORK — In June, it will be three years since Kevin Durant and Kyrie Irving announced they were coming to Brooklyn to play for the Nets. Together.

What they have mostly done since then, for various reasons, is *not* play together for the Brooklyn Nets. Up until now, Durant and Irving have been on the court together for 30 regular-season games in the 32 months since they signed.

There was the Achilles injury from which Durant had not yet recovered when he signed. There was the ankle injury that kept Irving out of the last three games of the Eastern Conference semis last June against the Bucks. There was COVID-19. There was, and is, Irving's personal theories about vaccination that has kept him from playing home games, a situation likely about to change for him because the vaccine mandates are about to change.

When Irving finally did get back on the court with the Nets — who were against him playing just road games until they were for that — Durant hurt his knee. During all of these various dramas over the past year, James Harden came and went. Now Ben Simmons has come to town.

This would be a much bigger deal in New York City, both sides of the East River, if the Nets mattered more than they do. But the reality for them — it's why Sean Marks keeps swinging for the fences — is that they will only matter truly if they ever win.

Now, depending on how long this free fall of theirs lasts until Durant and Irving are finally back together on the court, here is another chance.

But for now the firm of Durant and Irving has won one playoff series, against the Celtics last season. It means that last season, before Irving got hurt and before Harden got hurt, the Nets made it just one round further than the Knicks did.

But again: Here is their chance, once they're supposed to be back on the court together in March, to do what they came to Brooklyn to do.

That means win something more than headlines and news cycles. We've had a lot of teams like that around here, ones that never ended up holding up any trophies.

Has a lot happened to the stars of the Nets? A lot has happened, no doubt. Now they are supposed to make something happen on the court, at this time when they should be the only real basketball game in town and will be given a dream opportunity to effectively have the stage to themselves.

They were going to do it with these two stars, then they decided that they were going to add a third star in Harden. Then Harden, who moved heaven and earth to get himself out of Houston, decided he didn't want to play with the Nets after all, which really means he didn't want to play with Irving because neither would you.

When Harden became a problem in Brooklyn, the Nets traded him to the 76ers, and the Nets got Simmons, the 76ers' problem, in return.

If you are keeping score at home, the Nets thought they had one powerhouse at the start of last season, then they built another powerhouse when they got Harden, and now they're going to build yet another powerhouse with Simmons — destiny brought him and Kyrie together — and Steph Curry's brother and Goren Dragic.

I keep waiting to hear they're bringing back Dr. J.

It makes you long for the good old days, when Kyrie, a Montclair kid, was on his way to the big city and telling the world, "In my heart, I always wanted to play at home."

Until, of course, he wasn't allowed to play at home because he is a graduate of the Novak Djokovic School of Advanced Medicine.

Now here he is and here they are. If everything does go well with mandates and Durant's health, the Nets get to start a brand-new season, in the last month of the regular season.

They try to be the team they thought they were building when Harden was just a twinkle in Marks' eyes. Durant gets to show that he can win with Irving the way LeBron won in Cleveland.

RED SOX

Who are the 10 most important people in the organization?

By Peter Abraham
Boston Globe

The Red Sox have had five managers over the last 11 seasons, and four people have run baseball operations under different titles.

There were 44 players who played at least one game for the 2018 championship team. Only eight remain in the organization — nine if you count Jackie Bradley Jr., who left as a free agent and was reacquired via trade.

Alex Cora had nine coaches on his staff in 2019. Only Carlos Febles and Ramón Vázquez remain. There have been eight pitching coaches in the last 12 seasons.

The one constant for the Red Sox has been change.

With that in mind, here's a look at the 10 most important people in the organization — with a focus on the baseball side of the business:

1. Chaim Bloom: The Red Sox were ahead of schedule last season, winning 92 games and coming within two victories of the World Series. Meanwhile, the farm system has made considerable strides in the last two years, particularly in broadening the base of talent. That's a credit to Bloom exploring all avenues to find players.

Bloom was hired to put the Sox in position to win every season, as opposed to the feast-or-famine roller coaster they were on. He has them moving in that direction despite numerous unexpected obstacles.

2. Alex Cora: Is there a better fit for manager and market than Cora and Boston? He communicates well with the players, the front office and the media. More than anything, Cora understands the manager's position as the daily spokesman for the organization and how important that is in setting the tone around the team. He's deft at controlling the message while maintaining his authenticity.

3. John Henry and Tom Werner: Obviously ownership is crucial to the success of any team in any sport. Henry — also owner of Boston Globe Media Partners — and Werner are the common denominator to the Sox having more championships this century than any other organization.

But the owners have stepped far out of the public spotlight the last few years and left it to team president Sam Kennedy to be the front man for the organization. Don't take that for lack of interest. After 20 years, they've just left the day-to-day drama to others.

As Fenway Sports Group gains more value, the Sox are positioned well for the future.

4. Rafael Devers: At 25, Devers could be the team's best hitter over the next decade. Or he could go the route of Mookie Betts, traded for prospects in lieu of a contract extension. The lingering question with Devers is still where he fits best defensively. Since 2018, he grades out as the worst third baseman in the majors based on defensive runs saved.

5. Xander Bogaerts: After nine highly productive years in Boston, Bogaerts has the right to opt out of his contract after the coming season. He'd leave $60 million on the table, but could easily get twice that as a free agent if he remains at the same level he was last season. Will the Sox step up make Bogaerts a deal to stay?

Bogaerts, 29, has been on the injured list once in his career, has an .847 OPS the last six seasons, and is one of the most respected players in the game.

6. Garrett Whitlock: Stealing him from the Yankees in the Rule 5 Draft proved to be a genius move. Now the Sox will determine if Whitlock remains in the bullpen or takes his four-pitch mix and unerring poise into the rotation. At some point, it's a waste of his talent to stay in the bullpen. At 25, the right-hander is a huge piece of the future after appearing in 46 games as a rookie and posting a 1.96 ERA.

7. Chris Sale: He has three years and $85 million remaining on his contract, so the left-hander certainly is important. Sale was 5-1 with a 3.16 ERA over nine starts in the 2021 regular season but was shaky in the postseason, allowing eight earned runs over only nine innings in three starts. Sale should be sharper in his second year back from Tommy John surgery. That's usually how it works. The Sox are counting on it.

8. Sam Kennedy: The team president and CEO has had his hands full the last 2 ½ years. The Sox fired Dave Dombrowski, "parted ways" with Cora, tanked the 2020 season, rehired Cora, saw Fenway Park become a vaccination center, dealt with a teamwide COVID-19 outbreak, and then made the playoffs on the final day of last season. Kennedy has ably handled the ruckus. He is invaluable.

9. Jason Varitek: He's been a valuable addition to the coaching staff, working with the pitchers and catchers on game-planning and serving as part of Cora's in-game brain trust. Varitek's goal is to be a manager. Whether that's in Boston remains to be seen. Building his communication skills with the media will help him get a team of his own, and he's taking those steps.

10. Triston Casas: The 22-year-old first baseman is expected to open the season in Triple A. He had a strong 2021 season, helping Team USA to an Olympic silver medal in Japan and hitting .279 with an .877 OPS in 86 minor league games. Casas has been carefully developing his swing and plate approach. The true test is always major league pitching, but he has the potential to hit for average with a lot of power.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	36	23	.610	—
Boston	36	26	.581	1½
Toronto	32	26	.552	3½
Brooklyn	31	29	.517	5½
New York	25	35	.417	11½

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	39	21	.650	—
Charlotte	30	31	.492	9½
Atlanta	28	31	.475	10½
Washington	27	32	.458	11½
Orlando	14	47	.230	25½

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	39	21	.650	—
Milwaukee	36	24	.600	3
Cleveland	35	24	.593	3½
Indiana	20	41	.328	19½
Detroit	14	46	.233	25

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Memphis	41	20	.672	—
Dallas	35	25	.583	5½
San Antonio	24	36	.400	16½
New Orleans	24	36	.400	16½
Houston	15	44	.254	25

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Utah	37	22	.627	—
Denver	34	25	.576	3
Minnesota	32	29	.525	6
Portland	25	35	.417	12½
Oklahoma City	19	41	.317	18½

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Phoenix	49	11	.817	—
Golden State	43	17	.717	6
L.A. Clippers	31	31	.500	19
L.A. Lakers	27	32	.458	21½
Sacramento	22	39	.361	27½

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Boston 113, Detroit 104
Toronto at Atlanta, late
Memphis at Chicago, late
San Antonio at Miami, late
Washington at Cleveland, late
Brooklyn at Milwaukee, late
Sacramento at Denver, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Philadelphia at New York, 1p.m.
Utah at Phoenix, 3:30p.m.
Boston at Indiana, 5p.m.
Detroit at Charlotte, 7p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Houston, 7p.m.
Dallas at Golden State, 7:30p.m.
Denver at Portland, 9p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Lakers, 10p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
Indiana at Orlando, 7p.m.
Minnesota at Cleveland, 7p.m.
Chicago at Miami, 7:30p.m.
Toronto at Brooklyn, 7:30p.m.
Charlotte at Milwaukee, 8p.m.
Sacramento at Oklahoma City, 8p.m.
San Antonio at Memphis, 8p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Detroit at Washington, 7p.m.
Atlanta at Boston, 7:30p.m.
Brooklyn at Toronto, 7:30p.m.
Golden State at Minnesota, 8p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Houston, 8p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Lakers, 10p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Charlotte 125, Toronto 93
Orlando 119, Houston 111
Oklahoma City 129, Indiana 125(OT)
San Antonio 157, Washington 153(2OT)
Miami 115, New York 100
Philadelphia 133, Minnesota 102
Utah 114, Dallas 109
New Orleans 117, Phoenix 102
L.A. Clippers 105, L.A. Lakers 102

NBA CALENDAR

March 1: Playoff Eligibility Waiver Deadline
April 2: NBA G League Regular Season ends
April 5: NBA G League Playoffs begin
April 10: Regular Season ends
April 12-15: NBA Play-In Tournament
April 11: Rosters set for NBA Playoffs 2022 (3 p.m. ET)
April 16: NBA Playoffs 2022 begin
April 24: NBA Early Entry Eligibility Deadline (11:59 p.m. ET)
May 2-3: Conference Semifinals begin (possible move up to April 30/May 1)
May 17: NBA Draft Lottery 2022 presented by State Farm
May 17-18: Conference Finals begin (possible move up to May 15-16)
June 2: NBA Finals Game 1
June 5: NBA Finals Game 2
June 8: NBA Finals Game 3
June 10: NBA Finals Game 4
June 13: NBA Finals Game 5 (If nec.)

TENNIS

ATP DUBAI DUTY FREE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS
At Dubai Tennis Stadium, Dubai, U.A.E., hardcourt-outdoors
MEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
#2Andrey Rublev d.
Jiri Vesely, 6-3, 6-4.

WTA QATAR OPEN
At Khalifa International Tennis and Squash Complex, Doha, Qatar, outdoors-hard
WOMEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
#7Iga Swiatek d.
#4Anett Kontaveit, 6-2, 6-0.

ATP CHILE OPEN
At Club Deportivo Universidad Catolica, Santiago, Chile, outdoor-Red clay
MEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
#7Sebastian Baez d.
#2Albert Ramos-Vinolas, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.
#4 Pedro Martinez d.
Alejandro Tabilo, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.

WTA ABIERTO AKRON ZAPOPAN
At Panamerican Tennis Center, Guadalajara, Mexico, outdoors-hardcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES, SEMIFINALS
Qiang Wang vs. #3 Sara Sorribes Tormo/Marie Bouzkova, late
Anna Kalinskaya vs.
#6 Sloane Stephens, late

ATP ABIERTO MEXICANO TELCEL
At Arena GNP Seguros., Acapulco, Mexico; outdoors-hardcourt
MEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
#1 #4 Rafael Nadal vs.
#6 Cameron Norrie, late

ODDS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — SUNDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG
UConn	11	at Georgetown
at Houston	10	SMU
at Quinnipiac	3	Canisius
Illinois	1	at Michigan
at Manhattan	2	Fairfield
at Memphis	8½	Wichita State
at Geo. Mason	10	Geo. Washington
at Temple	2½	Tulane
at UNC Greensboro	4	E. Tennessee St.
Ohio State	4½	at Maryland
Saint John's	1½	at DePaul
Montana State	1½	at Montana
Indiana	2½	at Minnesota
at Penn State	10½	Nebraska

NBA — SUNDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	UNDERDOG
Philadelphia	7½	(215½)	at New York
at Phoenix	1	(227½)	Utah
Boston	6½	(off)	at Indiana
at Charlotte	9½	(off)	Detroit
LA Clippers	7	(229½)	at Houston
at Golden State	4½	(219½)	Dallas
at PORTLAND	off	(off)	Denver
at LA LAKERS	off	(off)	New Orleans

NHL — SUNDAY

FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	Line
at Carolina	-205	Edmonton	+168
at Dallas	-260	Buffalo	+210
St. Louis	-194	at Chicago	+160
Winnipeg	-240	at Arizona	+195
Pittsburgh	-200	at Columbus	+164
at NY Rangers	off	Vancouver	off
at Anaheim	off	NY Islanders	off
at San Jose	-127	Seattle	+105

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NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Florida	53	35	13	5	75	218	161
Tampa Bay	50	33	11	6	72	174	142
Toronto	51	33	14	4	70	182	142
Boston	51	30	17	4	64	148	141
Detroit	52	23	23	6	52	149	181
Ottawa	51	19	27	5	43	135	161
Buffalo	53	16	29	8	40	141	191
Montreal	53	13	33	7	33	123	198
METRO.	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Carolina	51	36	11	4	76	180	121
Pittsburgh	54	32	14	8	72	175	146
N.Y. Rangers	52	33	14	5	71	155	129
Washington	54	28	17	9	65	173	151
Columbus	52	27	24	1	55	173	190
N.Y. Islanders	47	19	20	8	46	119	132
Philadelphia	52	16	26	10	42	131	181
New Jersey	52	18	29	5	41	157	191

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Colorado	52	38	10	4	80	210	148
St. Louis	51	31	14	6	68	184	141
Minnesota	49	31	15	3	65	187	150
Nashville	52	30	18	4	64	161	148
Dallas	51	28	20	3	59	147	149
Winnipeg	52	22	21	9	53	150	159
Chicago	53	19	26	8	46	134	181
Arizona	52	14	34	4	32	119	190
PACIFIC	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Calgary	50	30	14	6	66	170	121
Los Angeles	52	28	17	7	63	154	144
Vegas	52	29	19	4	62	170	153
Edmonton	52	29	20	3	61	175	169
Anaheim	54	25	20	9	59	161	165
Vancouver	53	25	22	6	56	147	149
San Jose	51	23	22	6	52	138	161
Seattle	54	16	33	5	37	139	193

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Philadelphia 2, Washington 1
Edmonton 4, Florida 3
Pittsburgh 1, N.Y. Rangers 0
Montreal 2, Ottawa 1
Tampa Bay vs. Nashville, late
Toronto at Detroit, late
Boston at San Jose, late
Colorado at Vegas, late
Minnesota at Calgary, late
N.Y. Islanders at Los Angeles, late

SUNDAY'S GAMES
Edmonton at Carolina, 1p.m.
Buffalo at Dallas, 2p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 3p.m.
Winnipeg at Arizona, 4p.m.
Pittsburgh at Columbus, 6p.m.
Vancouver at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Anaheim, 8:30p.m.
Seattle at San Jose, 10p.m.

MONDAY'S GAMES
Toronto at Washington, 7:30p.m.
Vancouver at New Jersey, 7:30p.m.
Boston at Los Angeles, 10:30p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Edmonton at Philadelphia, 7p.m.
New Jersey at Columbus, 7p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 7p.m.
Carolina at Detroit, 7:30p.m.
Calgary at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Montreal at Winnipeg, 8p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Colorado, 9p.m.
Boston at Anaheim, 10p.m.
San Jose at Vegas, 10p.m.

FRIDAY'S RESULTS
Carolina 4, Columbus 0
St. Louis 5, Buffalo 3
Chicago 8, New Jersey 5
Colorado 6, Winnipeg 3
Arizona 3, Vegas 1
Los Angeles 4, Anaheim 1

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

EASTERN	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA
Columbus	1	0	0	3	4	0
D.C. United	1	0	0	3	3	0
x-New York	1	0	0	3	3	1
Toronto FC	0	0	1	1	1	1
Philadelphia	0	0	1	1	1	1
Chicago	0	0	1	1	0	0
Inter Miami CF	0	0	1	1	0	0
New England	0	0	0	0	0	0
CF Montréal	0	0	0	0	0	0
x-Orlando City	0	0	0	0	0	0
x-New York City FC	0	0	0	0	0	0
x-Atlanta	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charlotte FC	0	1	0	0	0	3
Cincinnati	0	1	0	0	0	5
WESTERN	**W**	**L**	**T**	**PTS**	**GF**	**GA**
Austin FC	1	0	0	3	5	0
Los Angeles FC	1	0	0	3	3	0
FC Dallas	0	0	1	1	1	1
Minnesota United	0	0	1	1	1	1
LA Galaxy	0	0	0	0	0	0
x-Sporting KC	0	0	0	0	0	0
Houston	0	0	0	0	0	0
Real Salt Lake	0	0	0	0	0	0
x-Seattle	0	0	0	0	0	0
x-Portland	0	0	0	0	0	0
x-Nashville	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Jose	0	1	0	0	1	3
x-Colorado	0	1	0	0	0	3
Vancouver	0	1	0	0	0	4

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Minnesota 1, Philadelphia 1, tie
Columbus 4, Vancouver 0
Los Angeles FC 3, Colorado 0
Toronto FC 1, FC Dallas 1, tie
D.C. United 3, Charlotte FC 0
Austin FC 5, Cincinnati 0
Chicago 0, Miami 0, tie
New York 3, San Jose 1
New England at Portland, late

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
CF Montreal at Orlando City SC, 1 p.m.
Sporting KC at Atlanta United FC, 3p.m.
New York FC at LA Galaxy, 5 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Houston, 7 p.m.
Nashville SC at Seattle FC, 8p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5
FC Dallas at New England, 1:30p.m.
N.Y. Red Bulls at Toronto FC, 2 p.m.
Houston at Sporting KC, 3:30p.m.
Philadelphia at CF Montréal, 4p.m.
Columbus at San Jose, 5:30p.m.
Orlado City SC atChicago, 6p.m.
Atlanta United FC at Colorado, 6p.m.
D.C. United at FC Cincinnati, 6p.m.
Nashville SC at Minnesota FC, 6p.m.
Seattle FC at Real Salt Lake, 6p.m.
New York City FC at Vancouver, 6p.m.
LA Galaxy at Charlotte FC, 7:30p.m.

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE

CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
Man City	27	21	3	3	64	17	66
Liverpool	26	18	6	2	70	20	60
Chelsea	25	14	8	3	49	18	50
Man United	27	13	8	6	44	34	47
Arsenal	24	14	3	7	38	27	45
West Ham	26	12	6	8	45	34	42
Tottenham	25	13	3	9	35	32	42
Wolverhampton	25	12	4	9	24	20	40
Southampton	26	8	11	7	34	37	35
Brighton	26	7	12	7	25	30	33
Crystal Palace	27	6	12	9	37	38	30
Aston Villa	25	9	3	13	33	37	30
Leicester	23	7	6	10	37	43	27
Newcastle	25	5	10	10	28	45	25
Brentford	27	6	6	15	27	44	24
Leeds	26	5	8	13	29	60	23
Everton	24	6	4	14	28	41	22
Burnley	24	3	12	9	22	30	21
Watford	26	5	4	17	25	47	19
Norwich	26	4	5	17	15	55	17

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Tottenham 4, Leeds 0
Newcastle 2, Brentford 0
Crystal Palace 1, Burnley 1
Man United 0, Watford 0
Aston Villa 2, Brighton 0
Man City 1, Everton 0
Arsenal vs. Liverpool, ppd

SUNDAY'S MATCHES
West Ham vs. Wolverhampton, 9a.m.
Chelsea vs. Leicester, ppd

TUESDAY'S MATCHES
Burnley vs. Leicester, 2:45p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED
#1 Gonzaga (24-2) at #23 Saint Mary's.
#2 Arizona (25-2) at Colorado.
#17Tennessee 67, #3Auburn 62.
Michigan St. 68, #4Purdue 65.
#5Kansas (23-4) at #10Baylor.
#18Arkansas 75, #6Kentucky 73.
#7Duke 97, Syracuse 72
TCU 69, #9Texas Tech 66.
#11Providence (23-3) vs. Creighton.
#12UCLA 94, Oregon St. 55.
#13Wisconsin 66, Rutgers 61.
#16Southern Cal (24-4) at Oregon.
#19Murray St. 70, SE Missouri 68.
#20Texas 82, West Virginia 81.

SATURDAY'S SCORES
EAST
American 65, Loyola (Md.) 55
Army 66, Holy Cross 58
Bryant 78, Wagner 70
Bucknell 89, Boston U. 78
Buffalo 70, N. Illinois 60
Clemson 70, Boston College 60
Colgate 74, Navy 69
Cornell 71, Yale 65
Dartmouth 84, Penn 70
Drexel 80, Coll. of Charleston 79
Elon 67, Northeastern 54
Hartford 83, NJIT 62
Hofstra 83, William & Mary 67
Howard 77, NC Central 67
LIU 84, Fairleigh Dickinson 77
La Salle 62, Dayton 60
Lehigh 78, Lafayette 58
Md.-Eastern Shore 70, Coppin St. 50
Merrimack 72, St. Francis (NY) 52
Morgan St. 76, Delaware St. 69
Mount St. Mary's 65, CCSU 46
New Hampshire 66, Binghamton 62
Rhode Island 70, Duquesne 54
Sacred Heart 80, St. Francis (Pa.) 68
Texas 82, West Virginia 81
UMBC 93, Maine 79
VCU 77, UMass 62
Vermont 62, Mass.-Lowell 61
SOUTH
Alabama 90, South Carolina 71
Alabama A&M 80, Alabama St. 65
Chattanooga 70, Samford 57
Davidson 66, Fordham 45
E. Kentucky 72, Bellarmine 58
East Carolina 64, Tulsa 59
FAU 74, Charlotte 69
Florida 84, Georgia 72
Florida A&M 79, Grambling St. 73
Florida Gulf Coast 76, Jacksonville 69
Florida St. 64, Virginia 63
Furman 94, The Citadel 59
High Point 88, Hampton 77
Incarnate Word 69, McNeese St. 67
Jacksonville St. 69, North Alabama 52
Liberty 100, Kennesaw St. 93, OT
Lipscomb 81, Cent. Arkansas 66
Longwood 60, Campbell 55
Mississippi St. 74, Vanderbilt 69
North Carolina 84, NC State 74
North Florida 74, Stetson 69, OT
Northwestern St. 87, New Orleans 77
Radford 62, NC A&T 53
SC-Upstate 72, Gardner-Webb 70
SE Louisiana 83, Nicholls 81
Tennessee 67, Auburn 62
Texas A&M 76, Mississippi 66
Towson 95, James Madison 59
UNC-Asheville 98, Presbyterian 96, 3OT
Virginia Tech 71, Miami 70
Wake Forest 99, Louisville 77
Winthrop 92, Charleston Southern 86
MIDWEST
Austin Peay 64, E. Illinois 52
Ball St. 75, E. Michigan 64
Denver 83, W. Illinois 77
Drake 62, S. Illinois 60
Fort Wayne 81, Detroit 78
Green Bay 67, IUPUI 41
Illinois St. 86, Indiana St. 66
Iowa St. 74, Kansas St. 73
Marquette 64, Butler 56
Michigan St. 68, Purdue 65
Missouri St. 88, Evansville 79
Murray St. 70, SE Missouri 68
N. Dakota St. 79, North Dakota 53
N. Iowa 102, Loyola 96, OT
Notre Dame 90, Georgia Tech 56
Oakland 65, Cleveland St. 57
SIU-Edwardsville 77, Morehead St. 70
Seton Hall 82, Xavier 66
S. Florida 56, Cincinnati 54
Toledo 88, Miami (Ohio) 73
W. Michigan 78, Bowling Green 67
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 75, Kentucky 73
North Texas 56, Louisiana Tech 49
Oklahoma 66, Oklahoma St. 62, OT
S.F. Austin 73, Abilene Christian 71
WEST
Chicago St. 61, New Mexico St. 59
New Mexico 69, Air Force 65
San Francisco 78, San Diego 62
Santa Clara 102, Portland 89
UC San Diego 81, Cal St.-Fullerton 76
UCLA 94, Oregon St. 55
Utah Valley St. 63, Cal Baptist 54

WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED
#2Stanford 63, Washington 56.
#10Baylor 85, Kansas 77.
#9Iowa St. 71, Texas Tech 55.
#11Texas (20-6) vs. TCU.
#12Arizona 68, Southern Cal59.
#19BYU 82, Pacific 52.
#20Oklahoma 72,Kansas St. 69
#24Fla Gulf Coast 78, Jacksonville 55.
#25Oregon 73, Utah 65.

SATURDAY'S SCORES
EAST
Albany (NY) 57, Stony Brook 56
American 49, Loyola (Md.) 48
Binghamton 60, New Hampshire 49
Boston U. 69, Bucknell 51
Bryant 51, Wagner 47
Columbia 85, Brown 56
Fairfield 75, Manhattan 63
Fairleigh Dickinson 63, LIU Brooklyn 50
Fordham 68, Davidson 57
George Mason 61, St. Bonaventure 50
Hartford 67, NJIT 66, OT
Holy Cross 73, Army 59
Iona 69, Monmouth (NJ) 65
La Salle 62, George Washington 55
Maine 70, UMBC 59
Md.-Eastern Shore 60, Coppin St. 51
Merrimack 76, St. Francis (NY) 66
Morgan St. 69, Delaware St. 63, OT
Mount St. Mary's 64, CCSU 47
Navy 52, Colgate 48
Penn 79, Dartmouth 54
Rider 57, St. Peter's 50
Saint Joseph's 73, Duquesne 68
St. Francis (Pa.) 74, Sacred Heart 68
Tulane 71, Temple 56
Yale 56, Cornell 40
SOUTH
Alabama A&M 76, Alabama St. 68
Appalachian St. 72, South Alabama 50
Belmont 82, Tennessee St. 44
Charlotte 76, FAU 47
E. Kentucky 79, Bellarmine 68
Florida Gulf Coast 78, Jacksonville 55
Furman 62, ETSU 51
Gardner-Webb 80, Winthrop 51
Grambling St. 84, Florida A&M 59
Howard 65, NC Central 63
Jacksonville St. 68, North Alabama 49
Liberty 63, Kennesaw St. 57
Lipscomb 50, Cent. Arkansas 46
Longwood 76, Hampton 62
McNeese St. 73, Incarnate Word 65
Mercer 64, Samford 55
N. Kentucky 67, Detroit 44
New Orleans 72, Northwestern St. 64
Norfolk St. 68, SC State 29
Old Dominion 81, FIU 69
Rice 51, Southern Miss. 46
Richmond 59, VCU 57
SC-Upstate 74, NC A&T 63
Southern U. 65, Bethune-Cookman 51
Stetson 59, North Florida 47
Troy 71, Coastal Carolina 58
UAB 65, UTEP 49
UCF 74, Cincinnati 39
Wofford 84, Chattanooga 75
MIDWEST
Akron 88, Ohio 77
Bowling Green 81, Miami (Ohio) 76
Buffalo 82, Kent St. 64
Dayton 60, Rhode Island 46
E. Illinois 68, Austin Peay 56
Green Bay 66, Cleveland St. 64
IUPUI 73, Robert Morris 40
Iowa St. 71, Texas Tech 55
Milwaukee 53, Fort Wayne 51
Missouri St. 72, Indiana St. 65
Murray St. 86, SE Missouri 54
N. Dakota St. 81, North Dakota 64
N. Illinois 77, Ball St. 72
Oakland 51, Wright St. 40
S. Dakota St. 94, UMKC 62
S. Illinois 80, Evansville 66
SIU-Edwardsville 94, Morehead St. 77
South Dakota 78, Oral Roberts 49
St. Thomas (MN) 61, Omaha 56
Toledo 75, E. Michigan 51
W. Michigan 68, Cent. Michigan 49
Youngstown St. 61, Ill. Chicago 54

GOLF

PGA TOUR: THE HONDA CLASSIC
3rd of 4rounds (suspended by darkness), PGA National-Champion Course, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., 7,125yards; Par: 70

Daniel Berger	65-65-69—199	-11
Chris Kirk	65-68-71—204	-6
Kurt Kitayama	64-69-71—204	-6
Shane Lowry	70-67-67—204	-6
Sepp Straka	71-64-69—204	-6
Adam Svensson	69-65-71—205	-5
Martin Contini	68-70-70—208	-2
Dylan Frittelli	68-70-70—208	-2
Lee Hodges	71-66-71—208	-2
John Huh	72-65-71—208	-2
Alex Noren	69-69-70—208	-2
Sam Ryder	71-68-69—208	-2
Beau Hossler	69-69-71—209	-1
Mark Hubbard	70-64-75—209	-1
Matthias Schwab	67-72-70—209	-1
Brian Stuard	70-70-69—209	-1
Nick Watney	71-67-71—209	-1
Gary Woodland	69-69-71—209	-1
Billy Horschel	68-74-68—210	E
Mackenzie Hughes	70-70-70—210	E
Andrew Kozan	67-75-68—210	E
Keith Mitchell	71-70-69—210	E
Chase Seiffert	69-66-75—210	E
Kevin Streelman	71-71-68—210	E
Curtis Thompson	70-72-68—210	E
Lee Westwood	69-70-71—210	E
Dylan Wu	68-73-69—210	E
Brooks Koepka	68-72-71—211	+1
Kyoung-Hoon Lee	70-72-69—211	+1
C.T. Pan	70-70-71—211	+1
Mito Pereira	68-71-72—211	+1
Ian Poulter	71-71-69—211	+1
Rory Sabbatini	65-74-72—211	+1
Sam Stevens	70-68-73—211	+1
Rickie Fowler	72-70-70—212	+2
Rick Lamb	72-70-70—212	+2
Matthew NeSmith	72-70-70—212	+2
Louis Oosthuizen	75-65-72—212	+2
Taylor Pendrith	69-69-74—212	+2
Aaron Rai	67-72-73—212	+2
Roger Sloan	69-68-75—212	+2
Jhonattan Vegas	69-71-72—212	+2
Bill Haas	70-72-71—213	+3
Russell Knox	69-69-75—213	+3
David Lipsky	68-71-74—213	+3
Denny McCarthy	71-71-71—213	+3
William McGirt	68-70-75—213	+3
Trey Mullinax	72-70-71—213	+3
J.T. Poston	70-70-73—213	+3
Davis Riley	70-72-71—213	+3
Alex Smalley	71-70-72—213	+3
Nick Taylor	77-65-71—213	+3
Joshua Creel	72-69-73—214	+4
Patrick Rodgers	68-74-72—214	+4
J.J. Spaun	71-71-72—214	+4
Chri Bezuidenhout	69-71-75—215	+5
Brian Gay	76-66-73—215	+5
Lucas Glover	69-72-74—215	+5
Garrick Higgo	68-72-75—215	+5
Brendon Todd	74-67-74—215	+5
Martin Trainer	69-72-74—215	+5
Cameron Young	68-73-74—215	+5
Stephan Jaeger	68-73-75—216	+6
Justin Lower	73-69-74—216	+6
Callum Tarren	68-73-75—216	+6
Vaughn Taylor	73-68-75—216	+6
Danny Willett	67-72-77—216	+6
Bronson Burgoon	68-72-77—217	+7
Brett Drewitt	74-68-75—217	+7
Ryan Palmer	68-74-75—217	+7
Peter Uihlein	67-72-78—217	+7
Austin Cook	72-70-80—222	+12
Robert Streb	72-69-81—222	+12

CHAMPIONS TOUR COLOGUARD CLASSIC
2nd of 3 rounds, At Catalina Course Tucson, Ariz.; 7,123 yards; Par: 72

Miguel Angel Jimenez	66-67—133	-11
Jerry Kelly	68-67—135	-9
Jeff Sluman	66-69—135	-9
Woody Austin	67-69—136	-8
Gene Sauers	68-68—136	-8
Bernhard Langer	70-67—137	-7
Rod Pampling	67-70—137	-7
Marco Dawson	70-68—138	-6
Brandt Jobe	73-65—138	-6
Scott Parel	71-67—138	-6
Steven Alker	70-69—139	-5
Paul Broadhurst	74-65—139	-5
Alex Cejka	70-69—139	-5
Robert Karlsson	70-69—139	-5
Tim Petrovic	68-71—139	-5
Dicky Pride	69-70—139	-5
Kevin Sutherland	72-67—139	-5
David Toms	71-68—139	-5
Kirk Triplett	69-70—139	-5
Shane Bertsch	69-71—140	-4
Tom Lehman	67-73—140	-4
Stephen Ames	68-74—142	-2
Doug Barron	73-69—142	-2
David Branshaw	71-71—142	-2
Chris DiMarco	68-74—142	-2
Tom Gillis	70-72—142	-2
Tim Herron	72-70—142	-2
Thongchai Jaidee	72-70—142	-2
Lee Janzen	72-70—142	-2
Rob Labritz	68-74—142	-2
Billy Mayfair	70-72—142	-2
Stuart Appleby	70-73—143	-1
K.J. Choi	71-72—143	-1
Scott Dunlap	72-71—143	-1
Jim Furyk	74-69—143	-1
Ricardo Gonzalez	70-73—143	-1
Stephen Leaney	71-72—143	-1
Ken Tanigawa	70-73—143	-1
Omar Uresti	73-70—143	-1
Cameron Beckman	73-71—144	E
Tom Byrum	71-73—144	E
Joe Durant	71-73—144	E
Bob Estes	71-73—144	E
Colin Montgomerie	70-74—144	E
Wes Short	77-67—144	E
Mario Tiziani	73-71—144	E
Scott Verplank	73-71—144	E
Mike Weir	74-70—144	E
Michael Allen	72-73—145	+1
Jeff Maggert	73-72—145	+1
Jose Maria Olazabal	73-72—145	+1
Robert Allenby	74-72—146	+2
Billy Andrade	72-74—146	+2
Ken Duke	72-74—146	+2
Harrison Frazar	71-75—146	+2
Fred Funk	75-71—146	+2
Rocco Mediate	73-73—146	+2
Mark Calcavecchia	71-76—147	+3
Ernie Els	74-73—147	+3
David Frost	71-76—147	+3
Michael Muehr	74-73—147	+3
Brett Quigley	78-69—147	+3
Vijay Singh	71-76—147	+3
Retief Goosen	70-78—148	+4
Paul Goydos	76-72—148	+4
Fran Quinn	77-71—148	+4
John Daly	78-71—149	+5
Ian Woosnam	71-78—149	+5
David Duval	77-73—150	+6
John Senden	75-75—150	+6
Y.E. Yang	73-77—150	+6
Scott McCarron	78-73—151	+7
Corey Pavin	72-79—151	+7
Darren Clarke	76-75—151	+7
Glen Day	78-74—152	+8
Tommy Tolles	75-77—152	+8
Stephen Dodd	76-77—153	+9
Sandy Lyle	77-76—153	+9
Tom Pernice	79-75—154	+10
Roger Rowland	78-76—154	+10

AUTO RACING

NASCAR CUP SERIES SCHEDULE
Feb. 27: Wise Power 400, Fontana, Calif.
March 6: Pennzoil 400, Las Vegas
March 13: Ruoff Mortgage 500, Avondale, Ariz.
March 20: Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500, Hampton, Ga.
March 27: Echopark Texas Grand Prix, Austin, Texas
April 3: Toyota Owners 400, Richmond, Va.
April 9: Blue-Emu Maximum Pain Relief 400, Ridgeway, Va.
April 17: Food City Dirt Race, Bristol, Tenn.
April 24: GEICO 500, Talladega, Ala.
May 1: DuraMAX Drydene 400 presented by RelaDyne, Dover, Del.
May 8: Goodyear 400, Darlington, S.C.
May 15: NASCAR Cup Series at Kansas, Kansas City, Kan.
May 22: x-NASCAR All-Star Open, Fort Worth, Texas
May 22: NASCAR All-Star Race, Fort Worth, Texas
May 29: Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.

PAST EVENTS
Feb. 6 : x-Busch Light Clash at The Coliseum Heat Race #1 (Kyle Busch)
Feb. 6 : x-Busch Light Clash at The Coliseum Heat Race #2 (Tyler Reddick)
Feb. 6 : x-Busch Light Clash at The Coliseum Heat Race #3 (Justin Haley)
Feb. 6 : x-Busch Light Clash at The Coliseum Heat Race #4 (Joey Logano)
Feb. 6 : x-Busch Light Clash at The Coliseum Last Chance Qualifying Race #1 (Denny Hamlin)
Feb. 6 : x-Busch Light Clash at The Coliseum Last Chance Qualifying Race #2 (Ryan Preece)



Helio Castroneves celebrates after winning the Rolex 24 hour auto race on Jan. 30 at Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla. **JOHN RAOUX/AP**

AUTO RACING INDYCAR

Castroneves back for more

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Helio Castroneves climbed the fence three times in 12 starts on the downtown streets of St. Petersburg and it is one of his favorite events on the IndyCar schedule.

Unless, of course, he was at the popular IndyCar season-opening race as a spectator. Castroneves didn't care for that at all the last four seasons.

"It was absolutely horrible," the Brazilian said.

Phased out of IndyCar after the 2017 season to help launch Team Penske's sports car program, Castroneves didn't exactly exit the series on his own terms. When St. Pete officials asked him to be the grand marshal in 2018, his first year out of IndyCar, Castroneves told anyone who would listen that he'd be back in the series.

"Everyone said when I was the grand marshal, 'Man, you should be (racing).' I was like, 'Yeah, thanks. That doesn't help,'" Castroneves said. "But now we're back."

Indeed he is back, and perhaps performing at the highest level of his long career.

Castroneves has raced his way back into a full-time IndyCar ride with Meyer Shank Racing, the team that hired him to run the Indianapolis 500 last season as it began its expansion to two cars. Castroneves went out and won the race — his record-tying fourth Indy 500 victory — and was hired to drive the No. 06 for the full 2022 season.

He's 46 now and a quarter century removed from his debut in American open-wheel racing but undoubtedly ready to contend for wins and maybe even the championship. He never won an IndyCar title driving for Roger Penske, and his only professional championship was in 2020 when he won the IMSA sports car title in the final year of that program.

Castroneves opened 2021 with a win in the Rolex 24 at Daytona, followed it with his victory at Indy in May and closed the year with a full-time ride. Shank used him in the Rolex lineup last month and guess what? Castroneves won a second consecutive watch.

He now has four Indy 500 rings and a pair of Rolexes — achievements that former boss Roger Penske finds "just wonderful."

"I kid him a bunch and tell him, 'You know, three of those races, you won with us. Don't forget your old buddy,'" said Penske, who is now also the owner of IndyCar. "He's just so exciting, and so much energy, and the fans love him. It's terrific to have him back in the series and the passion he brings to his new team — now Meyer Shank is another really solid team for IndyCar."

The Indy 500 victory by Castroneves legitimized Shank's organization, and when Penske tried to shift Simon Pagenaud from IndyCar to sports cars at the end of last season, Pagenaud instead signed with Meyer Shank. Now he's reunited with former Penske teammate Castroneves and the paddock knows the potential Meyer Shank has each weekend.

"There's a huge buzz around the race team right now, which is great to be part of," Pagenaud said. "But it's kind of scary in a way because I think it is happening quick. We have the ingredients, we just need to put everything together."

IN BRIEF

Berger in full control entering final round

News services

Daniel Berger wasn't flawless. He just kept avoiding big problems, which almost nobody has managed to do at PGA National this week.

That's why he remains the leader of the Honda Classic.

Berger started with a three-shot lead and ended with a five-shot advantage, after his round of 1-under 69 moved him 18 holes away from winning a tournament a 15-minute drive from his home.

Shane Lowry (67), Chris Kirk (71), Sepp Straka (69) and first-round leader Kurt Kitayama (71) were tied for second at 6 under.

Only 13 of the 73 players who made the cut shot below par Saturday. Nobody went low, and unless Berger starts making many mistakes, somebody is going to have to on Sunday in order to deny him a fifth PGA Tour victory. Lowry had the day's best round — and that was just 3 under.

"I've drove the ball in play and I've managed to putt pretty good," Lowry said.

Auto racing: Scott McLaughlin beat Team Penske teammate Will Power, one of the best qualifiers in series history, to win the pole Saturday.

College basketball: Tyson Walker made a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 3 seconds left, helping Michigan State top No. 4 Purdue 68-65 on Saturday. The Spartans gave Tom Izzo his 662nd victory, matching Bob Knight's total at Indiana for the record by a coach at a Big Ten school.

Golf: Already out two corporate endorsements, Phil Mickelson and his foundation were removed from the PGA Tour event in the California desert Saturday as fallout continued over his remarks and involvement in a Saudi-funded rival league. The PGA Tour said it would have no further comment

Skiing: Russian skiers are not welcome to compete in Norway because of "violations of international law and attacks on the Ukrainian people," the Nordic country's ski federation said Saturday.

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Today: at Georgetown, noon, CBS.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Today: vs. Providence (at Gampel), 2 p.m., CBSSN

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UCONN WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SENIOR DAY

For veterans, there's business to finish

By Dom Amore
Hartford Courant



Since transferring from Tennessee, Evina Westbrook has been unselfish and a team leader in her three years at UConn. JESSICA HILL/ AP

This day belongs to the seniors, as a long and unpredictable trip at UConn is coming to its end.

Christyn Willams, Olivia Nelson-Ododa, Evina Westbrook and Dorka Juhasz all will be honored in ceremonies for Senior Day, the last UConn women's basketball home game, on Sunday before the Huskies play Providence at Gampel Pavilion.

The game starts at 2 p.m. Ceremonies will start about 1:30.

"It's bittersweet," Williams said. "I'm very excited for the next chapter, but we have unfinished business to take care of. Yes, it's our last game at Gampel, but we still have a lot of games to be played, the whole postseason. So I'm not looking at it like the last game ever, but it's bittersweet."

At UConn, there is always unfinished business and for the seniors the final home games will likely be the first two NCAA Tournament games with UConn hosting. For this group, the unfinished business is the program's 12th national championship, the goal that has eluded UConn since 2016.

This senior class, however, has had to guide the program through a season like no other, at least for UConn. With nearly every player losing time due to injury, some of the best players losing significant chunks of the season, the Huskies have had to bounce back from losses five times and continue to keep the faith that, eventually, the team would be whole again.

"One of the biggest changes is in my mentality," Nelson-Ododa said. "Realizing that this is an uncharacteristic season, you don't know what's going to happen next game. So being prepared for anything, having to be prepared on the fly, it all comes into it and it's played a huge part, not only in our leadership, the seniors' leadership, but the overall growth of the team."

Here's a closer look at UConn's senior honorees

CHRISTYN WILLIAMS

Redemption

Before Paige Bueckers and Azzi Fudd, Williams came to UConn as the No. 1 recruit in the country in the Class of 2018. Williams, from Little Rock, was three-time Gatorade player of the year in Arkansas, was a starter from her first game, and has played in 122 games, averaging 34.1 minutes, 14.1 points.

There was a moment late in her sophomore season when coach Geno Auriemma barked that she was "uncoachable," and she took it to heart. She averaged 16.3 points per game and was an All-Big East player.

Still, she recorded a video series for YouTube called "redemption summer," chronicling her rehab from elbow surgery. In the first installment, she promised viewers her senior year would be a "long one, but a fun one." As it turned out, she had no idea.

"I mean, yes, this year has been hard," said Williams, who has 1,724 career points. "And I feel like I'm more mature than I was my sophomore year. But yeah, you know, having my surgery and everything on my shooting arm. It was a lot. But I mean, I got through it. And then we get here and there's more adversity. But you know, we always stick together as a team. And this team makes things a lot more fun, like just the group of people and the girls that we have on our team and just make adversity fun ... and we're just going to continue to keep fighting whatever is thrown at us."

OLIVIA NELSON-ODODA

Steady improvement

The No. 5 recruit in 2018, Nelson-Ododa, 6-5, from Winder, Ga., has played against very high expectations, matched against UConn's legendary front court players. She has found her voice and become a top defensive player, averaging 7.4 rebounds with 44 blocks this season, and extraordinary versatility. Though she was slowed by a groin injury late in the year, "ONO" played some of her best games when the Huskies were depleted by the other injuries.

"I think it's developed a lot over the year because of the adversity we've faced," she said. "It's a pretty uncharacteristic season for UConn. A lot of the stuff we've faced, I've never even seen over my four years. So we had to step out of our comfort zone and figure out a lot of things in order to lead our team and come out with ways to grind out certain things. With the growth of our leadership it's formed into something we didn't think we'd have to do, just something different."

EVINA WESTBROOK

Finding a home

Evina Westbrook, from Salem, Ore., started her career at Tennessee, then transferred and had to sit out a frustrating year at UConn as the NCAA denied her a waiver to play right away. In her first season at UConn, disrupted by COVID, she averaged 9.4 points, 5.3 rebounds and 4.3 assists.

However, she became not only a team leader, but the "Mama" of the team, as Williams called her, cooking on holidays, offering advice when she sees someone down.

She passed on the WNBA draft after last season because she, too, felt unfinished business, she wanted a true, full-year college experience at UConn. It became more than she bargained for, and during a mid-season slump a change in roles and a talk with assistant coach Morgan Valley changed things for Westbrook. She's playing her best basketball as a spark off the bench as this season ends, including a 10-assist performance against St. John's on Friday.

DORKA JUHASZ

Never walk alone

Dorka Juhasz, 6-5, from Pecs, Hungary, transferred after graduating in three years from Ohio State, and has proven to be a valuable player in various roles, averaging 7.7 points and 5.9 rebounds in 21.9 minutes.

Her decision to participate in Senior Day festivities does not mean she has made a decision about next year; she is considering returning. But she does feel kinship with this group. Her parents won't be able to be at Gampel, but her teammates have offered to walk out with her, much as the UConn men's players did for Phil Nolan's Senior Day.

"When we talked about it, my parents are not able to come, and they were like, 'Oh, we want to walk out with you,' " Juhasz said. "That just made me so happy. They welcomed me so quickly and were so happy I was here. It's really like being part of a family. I had a different team, but I came in and felt love from them right away."

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Bueckers

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So Bueckers, who seems to have a knack for willing what she wants, began feeling better. She got the reassurance she was seeking from doctors on Thursday, and returned after 10 weeks recovering from her knee injury with 12 minutes against St. John's at the XL Center, drawing the national spotlight and entertaining an announced crowd of 9,154 with 12 minutes of action. Now the Sunday spotlight can shine on her senior teammates.

"She goes, 'Is there going to be a big crowd there [Friday]?' " Auriemma said. "I said, 'What are you Frank Sinatra? You look out there and if you don't like the crowd you go back and have another Jack Daniels and say 'I'm not playing?' What are you kidding me?"

Now that Bueckers, who was injured Dec. 5 and had surgery eight days later to repair her anterior tibial plateau fracture and lateral meniscus tear on her left knee, is back and the Huskies have the firepower they expected to have coming into the season, it's those rooting against them who might want a little pregame fortification. UConn plays Providence on Sunday at Gampel Pavilion (2 p.m.), when they will honor their seniors about 30 minutes beforehand and have their final preseason tuneup.

Bueckers will play a little more in her second game back as she gears up to resume her full-time role.

"My doctors have been telling me, like you're fully healed," Bueckers said. "Your bone's good, your ligaments are good, but it was more of me just being mentally ready to use my knee again, to make the same cuts, same movements. over the past week or so. I started actually thinking about how I felt ready and I felt a lot better in my movements."

Auriemma planned to give Bueckers 15 minutes on Friday, a few minutes in each quarter, but the one-sidedness of the game made a fourth-quarter cameo unnecessary. She did make 4 of 5 from the floor, and a couple of moves to the basket that show her unique skills are intact.

Meanwhile, the Huskies, who went 15-4 without her, are now figuring out how to best utilize their newfound depth.

"The way our team has handled adversity, I don't think any other team in the country has been through what we've been through," Bueckers said. "We've taken a bunch of hits, but the thing about us is we always bounce back. I mean, it might take a game or two but we always find the rhythm. And just the way we've sort of adapted to the hand or the cards that have been dealt to us. It was just awesome to see and it's just for me to get back and just try to incorporate myself back into the flow of what they've already built. So I mean, just the way we've handled adversity has been really inspiring."

Here's what you need to know about the game:
Site: Gampel Pavilon
Time: 2 p.m.
Series: UConn leads, 42-21
Last meeting: UConn 69-61, Jan. 30.
TV: CBS Sports Network (John Sadak, Julianne Viani, Jenny Dell)
Radio: UConn IMG Sports Network on 105.9 FM WHCN and The Varsity Network App (Bob Joyce, Debbie Fiske). Senior Day will be carried live.

Providence (11-17, 6-13 Big East) probable starters, sixth man:
Janai Crooms, G, 5-10, Jr.; Alyssa Geary, F, 6-4, Sr.; Kylee Sheppard, G, 5-9, Fr.; Mary Baskerville, F, 6-3, Sr.; Lauren Sampson, G/F, 6-0, Jr.; Olivia Olsen, F, 6-3, Fr.

UConn (21-5, 15-1) probable starters, sixth man:
Paige Bueckers G, 5-11, So.; Olivia Nelson-Ododa, F, 6-5, Sr.; Dorka Juhász, F, 6-5, Gr.; Christyn Williams, G, 5-11, Sr.; Nika Mühl, G, 5-10, So.; Caroline Ducharme, G, 6-2, Fr.; Azzi Fudd, G, 5-11, Fr.

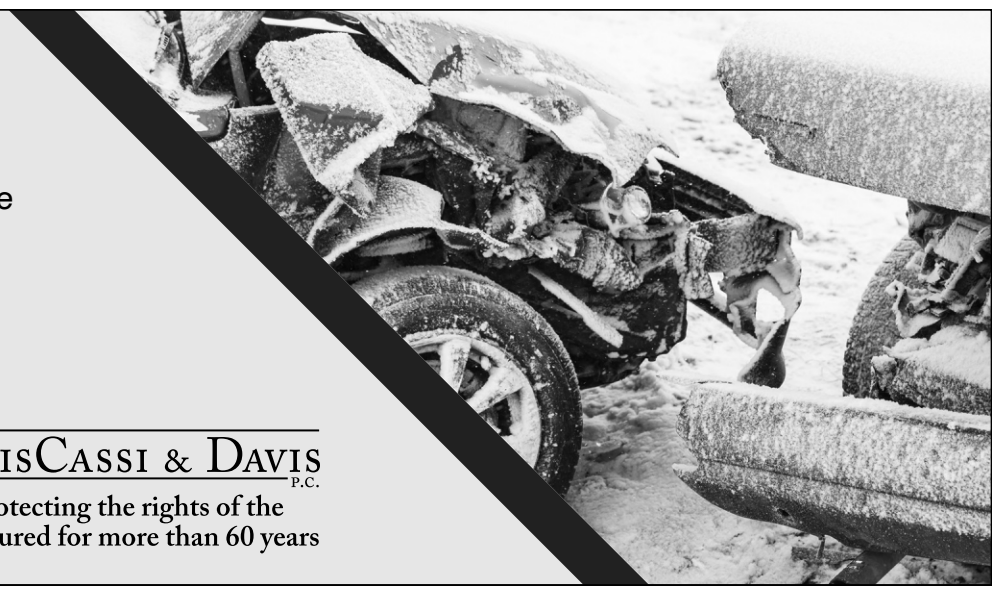
The matchup

UConn's offense: The Huskies were "firing on all cylinders," Williams said, after the 93-38 win over St. John's on Friday. With Bueckers back, and likely to play closer to 20 minutes Sunday, the Huskies add her dynamic offensive capabilities to a team that was already functioning well, averaging 74.2 points.
UConn's defense: The Huskies emphasis on playing defense while their top scorers were out has paid off. Their scoring defense (56,3 points), shooting defense (36.4) and 3-point defense (28.7) are all very solid. They averaged 9.3 steals and 4.9 blocks per a game.
Providence's offense: Providence is averaging 61.1 points per game, shooting 40.3 percent from the field and 29.7 on threes. Crooms (13.7) and Geary (10.1) are the leading scorers. Crooms (38.3 percent) can make threes.
Providence's defense: The Friars' defense is their calling card. They are allowing only 62.9 points per game, and they held UConn undermanned, to 69 last game. Opponents shoot 36.6, and only 30.3 on threes. UConn's Fudd, who went 1-for-5 on threes at Providence, will test that.
UConn keys: Of course all eyes will be on Bueckers, as she plays her second game and continues to work back into shape.
Players to watch: UConn's four seniors, Williams, Nelson-Ododa, Dorka Juhasz and Evina Westbrook, will be honored an before the game, about 1:30, and will probably get the minutes to savor their last regular season home game. Crooms scored 27 against UConn, going 8-for-11, so the Huskies will be mindful of her this time.
About Providence's coach: Jim Crowley, 51, is in his sixth season at Providence, after three seasons at Division III Keuka College, his alma mater, and 16 at St. Bonaventure, where he led the Bonnies to the Sweet 16 in 2012. His career record is 369-374.
Providence's mascot: Friar Dom
Famous alumni: NBA coach Billy Donovan, comedian Janeane Garofalo, ESPN analyst Doris Burke, Hartford basketball legend Johnny Egan.

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Villanova's Jermaine Samuels, left, fouls Connecticut's Adama Sanogo during a game Tuesday in Hartford. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

UCONN MEN'S BASKETBALL

Bracketology breakdown

With three games left in the season, where do the 'experts' have Huskies in the NCAA Tournament?

By Shreyas Laddha
Hartford Courant

The UConn men's basketball team is currently playing its best basketball of the season.

The Huskies play Georgetown on Sunday at Capital One Arena. On Tuesday at the XL Center, No. 21 UConn had its biggest win of the season in beating No. 8 Villanova, 71-69. The Huskies come into the nation's capital on a four-game winning streak and are tied for third in the conference with Creighton, with Providence and Villanova are ahead of them. With just three games left in the season every game is important. That's what happens at this time of the year.

As UConn heads closer to the Big East tournament and March Madness, let's take a closer look at what seed they are projected to land. The Huskies (20-7, 11-5 Big East) have a 5-6 record against Quadrant One opponents and a 7-1 record against Quadrant Two opponents.

The Huskies are well-liked by various metrics including No.18 by KenPom, No.16 by Net Rating and No.18 in BPI.

ESPN: Joe Lunardi has UConn listed as the No. 5 seed and is projected to face Iona in Buffalo from the West region.

CBS: Jerry Palm has UConn as the No. 4 seed and would play Chattanooga in the Midwest region.

FOX Sports: Fox Sports' Mike DeCourcy has the Huskies as the No. 4 seed and facing off against New Mexico State.

USA Today: Shelby Mast and Scott Gleeson have UConn as the No. 6 seed, playing against North Texas.

Here's everything you need to know about the matchup
Site: Capital One Arena, Washington, D.C
Time: Noon
Series: Georgetown leads, 36-33
Last meeting: UConn won, 96-73, on Jan. 25, 2022, at Gampel Pavilion.
TV: CBS (Andrew Catalon, Steve Lappas)
Live Stream: CBS app
Radio: UConn Sports Network (Mike Crispino, Wayne Norman). XM-385. SXM-app-975. 97.9-ESPN Hartford. WILI-1400-AM (Willimantic). WATR-1320-AM (Waterbury). WAVZ-1300-AM (New Haven). WGCH-1490-AM (Greenwich).

Georgetown (6-21, 0-16 Big East) probable starters, sixth man
Aminu Mohammed, G, 6-5, Fr.; Dante Harris, G, 6-0, So.; Kaiden Rice, G/F, 6-7, GS; Donald Carey, G, 6-5, GS; Malcolm Wilson, C, 7-0, Jr.; Collin Holloway, F, 6-6, So.
No. 21 UConn (20-7, 11-5) probable starters, sixth man
R.J. Cole, G, 6-1, GS; Isaiah Whaley, F, 6-9, GS; Adama Sanogo, F, 6-9, So.; Tyrese Martin, G/F, 6-6, Sr.; Andre Jackson, G/F, 6-6, So.; Jordan Hawkins, G, 6-5, Fr.

The matchup

UConn offense: The Huskies' offense should thrive as the Hoyas struggle heavily on defense. Georgetown is ranked No.309 in Division I in opponent effective field goal percentage with 53.3%, according to KenPom.
UConn defense: The primary focus will be limiting the Hoyas from beyond the arc. Carey and Holloway are shooting above 40% from 3.
Georgetown offense: The offense is very balanced, with four scorers averaging double-digit points (Carey, Mohammed, Harris and Rice). UConn needs to make sure to play good team defense and don't overhelp on rotations.
Georgetown defense: The Hoyas have just one player averaging one block or more a game, (Ryan Mutombo). The Huskies focus should be to drive the ball inside.
UConn's key: Play good perimeter defense while making sure to make an emphasis in taking the ball inside on offense.
Player to watch: Sanogo. He played an impressive game against Villanova and its important he comes out with the same aggression he did in that game.
About Georgetown's coach: Patrick Ewing. The former Hoya had fewer conference losses (13) in his four years as a player than as a coach this season (16).
Georgetown's mascot: Bulldog. The bulldog was chosen in 1962.
Georgetown famous alumni: NBA Hall of Famer Alonzo Mourning.

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many games as you can down the stretch and play well.

"Stick to our identity. If we don't rebound and defend and play good smart offense, we are vulnerable to lose.

UConn is tied with Creighton for third in the conference, so the Wednesday matchup could determine who takes the third spot.

It will be a good test against a hostile Creighton crowd on the road. If the Huskies lose, they lose the head-to-head tiebreaker as they lost to the Bluejays 59-55 on Feb. 1.

Cole wants to build some space between UConn and Creighton, and that starts with a win against Georgetown.

"Definitely trying to keep some separation," he said. "This league, you never know what you are going to get. We have to come out and lock in."

Against DePaul the Huskies close out their season with a Senior Night at Gampel Pavilion. Hurley wants his team to be focused.

"Be detached as much as you can," he said. "Let the staff handle the tickets and deal with your family. Focus on the game.

"I was involved with a really bad Senior Day at Rhode Island in my last year there versus St. Joseph's and we lost by like 30. Everybody was way too emotional and there was too much crying.

"It's going to be emotional, [but] these games are bigger than our last home game. They are playing for seeding to play longer in the tournaments.

After the regular season, UConn will head to New York City to play in the Big East tournament March 9-12. From there the Huskies will head to March Madness, where various outlets have them projected anywhere from a No. 4 to No. 6 seed.

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STATE ROUNDUP

Shriver scores 23 to lift Hartford to win over NJIT

Associated Press

David Shriver had a season-high 23 points as Hartford romped past NJIT 83-62 on Saturday at West Hartford.

D.J. Mitchell had 17 points for Hartford (10-18, 8-8 America East Conference). Briggs McClain added 11 points and six rebounds. Austin Williams had seven assists.

Hartford posted a season-high 17 3-pointers.

Hartford dominated the first half and led 43-25 at halftime. The Hawks' 43 points in the first half were a season best for the team.

Mekhi Gray had 15 points and four blocks for the Highlanders (11-16, 6-11). Miles Coleman added 14 points. Da'mir Faison had 11 points.

The Hawks improve to 2-0 against the Highlanders for the season. Hartford defeated NJIT 65-49 on Feb. 12.

Mount St. Mary's 65, Central Connecticut State 46: At New Britain, Nigel Scantlebury scored a team-high 18 points in the Blue Devils' Northeast Conference loss.

Tre Mitchell added 10 points as CCSU dropped to 7-23 and 4-13.

Cornell 71, Yale 65: At Ithaca, N.Y., Jordan Jones and Guy Ragland Jr. scored 11 points apiece to lead Cornell past Yale 71-65 on Saturday.

Greg Dolan added 10 points for the Big Red (14-10, 6-7 Ivy League). Dean Noll had six steals.

Jalen Gabbidon had 15 points for the Bulldogs (16-11, 10-3). Azar Swain added 13 points and Yussif Basa-Ama grabbed eight rebounds.

The Big Red evened the season series against the Bulldogs. Yale defeated Cornell 96-69 on Jan. 15.

Sacred Heart 80, St. Francis, Pa., 68: At Fairfield, Bryce Johnson tallied 14 points and 15 rebounds to lift Sacred Heart.

Nico Galette had 18 points for Sacred Heart (10-19, 6-10 Northeast Conference). Tyler Thomas added 17 points and six assists. Aaron Clarke had 10 points.

Josh Cohen had 21 points and eight rebounds for the Red Flash (9-20, 5-13). Maxwell Land tied a career high with 20 points. Brad McCabe had eight rebounds.

The Pioneers evened the season series against the Red Flash. St. Francis (Pa.) defeated Sacred Heart 85-74 on Jan. 23.

BIG EAST BASKETBALL

Rhoden scores 30 to lead Seton Hall past Xavier

Associated Press

Jared Rhoden had a career-high 30 points as Seton Hall defeated Xavier 82-66 on Saturday in Cincinnati.

Rhoden made 12 of 13 foul shots for the Pirates (18-9, 9-8 Big East Conference). Tray Jackson had 17 points, Kadary Richmond added 12 points and seven assists, and Tyrese Samuel had seven rebounds.

Colby Jones tied a career high with 20 points and also had 10 rebounds for the Musketeers (17-11, 7-10), who have lost four straight. Zach Freemantle added 11 points and Adam Kunkel scored 10.

The Pirates improve to 2-0 against the Musketeers for the season. Seton Hall defeated then-No. 25 Xavier 73-71 on Feb. 9.

Marquette 64, Butler 56: At Milwaukee, Darryl Morsell posted 16 points as Marquette won its seventh straight home game, defeating Butler.

Justin Lewis had 11 points and seven rebounds for Marquette (18-10, 10-7 Big East). Oso Ighodaro added four blocks.

Bryce Golden had 14 points for the Bulldogs (13-17, 6-13), who have lost four in a row. Aaron Thompson added 12 points and six assists, while Bryce Nze had 11 points and 11 rebounds.

The Golden Eagles evened the season series against the Bulldogs. Butler defeated then-No. 18 Marquette 85-79 on Feb. 12.

COLLEGE HOCKEY

Northeastern scores 5 unanswered goals in victory over UConn

Hartford Courant

HARTFORD – After breaking out to a two-goal lead, the UConn hockey team allowed five unanswered goals and dropped a 5-2 Hockey East decision to No. 15 Northeastern on Saturday at the XL Center.

The Massachusetts' Huskies swept the home-home series, winning 3-1 on Friday in Boston, and have stalled surging UConn, which had won five of six before two consecutive losses.

Jake Flynn got UConn going with a power-play goal at 19:50 of the first period. Jachym Kondelik followed at 1:33 of the second for a 2-0 lead.

From there it was all Northeastern.

Aidan McDonough scored the first of his three goals at 9:15 of the second and the Huskies then scored four in the third.

UConn, now 17-14-0 and 13-9-0, has a home-and-home series against Vermont Friday and Saturday to end the regular season.

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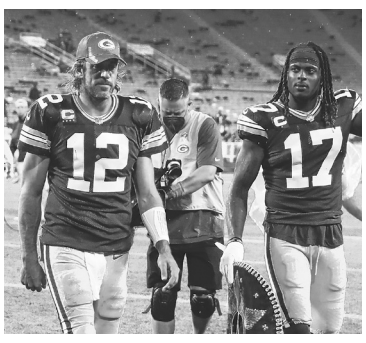
Breaking down the top non-draft stories of the Combine

By Ben Volin
Boston Globe

When the NFL Scouting Combine is held this coming week in Indianapolis, all eyes will be on the 324 draft prospects as they perform drills and navigate a gauntlet of interviews and medical exams.

But for many teams the draft process is more of a secondary concern. The NFL Draft is still two months away, and there are several more important matters that need to be tended to first.

Such as:



Green Bay QB Aaron Rodgers and WR Davante Adams walk off the field after a game on Sept. 20 in Green Bay, Wis. **KAMIL KRZACZYNSKI/AP**

The Rodgers-Adams question: The Packers have to figure out what to do with their two franchise players, quarterback Aaron Rodgers and receiver Davante Adams. They can't proceed with the rest of the offseason until they have finality with these two, and they probably have to figure out Adams first. Rodgers doesn't seem to want to commit until he knows the fate of his favorite receiver.

The Packers want both to come back, but it's complicated because the Packers are more than $30 million over the projected salary cap. It's not that the Packers won't be able to pay Rodgers and Adams whatever they want, but the Packers need to do a little salary-cap gymnastics first. They started chipping away this past week by restructuring running back Aaron Jones and defensive tackle Kenny Clark to create about $14 million in space.

The Packers can always use the franchise tag on Adams, but it's worth $20.14 million in cash and salary cap and isn't an effective use of cap space. A new long-term deal could be a win-win-win: Adams could make more cash in Year 1 than with the franchise tag, the Packers could push the money around to give Adams a lower cap number, and keeping Adams in the fold will keep Rodgers happy.

General manager Brian Gutekunst may have complicated matters this past week when he told reporters that he never promised Rodgers he would trade him this offseason if that's what Rodgers desired. Rodgers may believe otherwise.

Then there's Deshaun Watson: The Texans need to determine the trade market for quarterback Deshaun Watson. Despite facing 22 lawsuits and the potential for criminal charges, Watson should still be heavily courted this offseason.

The biggest issue is the ongoing criminal investigation in regards to the 22 massage therapists who have accused Watson of sexual misconduct. Watson's attorney, Rusty Hardin, said Monday that he expects a decision from the grand jury by April 1 to determine whether Watson will be charged with any crimes, and if he is, whether they are felony or misdemeanor. But the civil cases could proceed indefinitely.

If Watson is cleared of criminal charges, then the bidding should be intense, despite the lawsuits. Watson will only turn 27 in September, he's under contract for four more years, and he could make an instant contender out of whichever team acquires him.

49ers have to determine Jimmy Garoppolo market: While Watson is the better quarterback, Garoppolo may be the first quarterback traded, just because of Watson's complicated legal status. Garoppolo also doesn't have a no-trade clause in 2022, while Watson does, meaning a team that knows it won't be big players in the Watson derby can instead focus on Garoppolo. Plus, the 49ers surely want to eliminate the Garoppolo distraction as quickly and painlessly as possible this offseason.

A trade can't officially be executed until the new NFL league year begins at 4 p.m. on March 16, but the terms can be agreed to at any time. The Panthers, Commanders, Broncos, and Saints all seem like good fits for Garoppolo.

The QB marketplace: Several teams need to figure out the quarterback market.

The Panthers, Buccaneers, Commanders, Saints, Steelers, and Broncos need to find a starter. The Colts, Texans, Lions, and Falcons are at least looking at their options. The Cardinals, Seahawks, and Packers probably don't plan on changing quarterbacks but need to be prepared for the possibility.

The market for veteran quarterbacks should be hotter this year, because it's not supposed to be the best year for rookies. But assuming that Rodgers, Russell Wilson, and Kyler Murray stay with their teams, the veteran QB market is thin after Watson and Garoppolo.

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

MLB players make new proposal



Locked-out players made a counterproposal on multiple issues to Major League Baseball on Saturday as management's end-of-Monday deadline approached for a labor deal that would salvage opening day and a 162-game schedule. After holding just six negotiating sessions on central economics from the start of the lockout through Feb. 19, the sides met for the sixth straight day at Roger Dean Stadium, the vacant spring training home of the Marlins and Cardinals. Mets pitcher Max Scherzer and shortstop Francisco Lindor, Yankees pitcher Gerrit Cole, pictured, and free agent reliever Andrew Miller were among the players at the talks. Baseball's ninth work stoppage, it first since 1995, was in its 87th day. The sides arrived at noon and caucused for nearly 2 ½ hours. Details on the counterproposal were not immediately available. After more caucuses, mangement returned to the union at about 4:30 p.m. MLB has said that if there is not an agreement by the end of Monday, it would start canceling games because there will not be enough training time to play a full schedule.

All heart: Eriksen returns to pitch



On a weekend crying out for an uplifting moment from sports, Christian Eriksen provided it. Just seeing Eriksen resuming his competitive footballing career, 259 days after collapsing mid-game with a cardiac arrest, was a moment to rejoice in west London on Saturday. Even the opposition Newcastle players joined in the applause as Eriksen came on for his Brentford debut during Saturday's Premier League game. "I'm one happy man," he said after the match. The substitution had a link to that traumatic day at the European Championship when Eriksen had the world fearing the worst when he collapsed during Denmark's opening game against Finland. The Brentford player who Eriksen came on for was Mathias Jensen. It was Jensen who replaced Eriksen in the team when that June tournament game resumed later in the day despite the distress of the star being in the hospital with an uncertain fate. After being resuscitated on the field in Copenhagen and regaining consciousness, Eriksen was later informed he was "gone from this world for five minutes."

Excitement, uncertainty in Fontana

The beautifully weathered asphalt at Auto Club Speedway is older than Austin Cindric. The Next Gen car that the Daytona 500 champion drove over that asphalt to the pole Saturday is so new that most of the NASCAR Cup Series drivers still haven't figured out how to keep it out of spins or off of the wall. This California combo of the old and the new, the familiar and the unfamiliar, could make for a fascinating race Sunday at Auto Club Speedway when NASCAR's West Coast swing gets underway. The second race of the NASCAR season also is both the start of something big and the possible end of something beloved. The teams will begin the season-long challenge of familiarizing themselves with their new equipment in a series of unfamiliar settings. They were given only 15 minutes of practice Saturday to prepare for qualifying for their first race on a 2-mile track with the brand-new car, which partly led to a qualifying session with nearly a dozen wrecks and spins. It's an auspicious development for fans and TV viewers, but the start of a long night for teams scrambling to get their cars together in time to race Sunday. They'll also be racing on the much-loved, five-wide Fontana asphalt that could be gone by the time NASCAR returns next year. —*AP*



Yankees' Luke Voit fouls off a pitch during an informal workout at the University of South Florida on Thursday in Tampa. **CHRIS O'MEARA/AP**

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Duvall joined the mix Friday. Marlins catcher Jacob Stallings, Seattle second baseman Adam Frazier and free agent Phil Gosselin also have taken part.

"We've got a lot of guys up at Vanderbilt that train. It's a get-ready environment," Kemp said in a phone interview. "Honestly it's just a true blessing."

"I can't thank Corbin enough. It's the best — you have a bunch of guys and it makes for a good working environment because everyone is in there getting after it. Even right now we've been able to stay ready because we have the guys here that train in Nashville. We almost have enough to field a team."

Kemp is a new father to 8-week-old daughter McKenna Catherine, who is now sleeping six-hour stretches at night.

"She's been an angel baby, to be honest," the proud pop said.

From Judge crushing balls in Tampa to Sale throwing off a mound in Fort Myers at his alma mater, Florida Gulf Coast University, lockout workouts are in full swing.

The two-hour, on-field sessions at USF have all the ingredients of normal spring training. There is stretching, throwing, defensive work and even pitchers tossing live batting practice with major-league balls.

Beyond that it's a whole different ballgame, with no fans and no stadium music.

Team rivalries are irrelevant, and major leaguers mix with minor leaguers. Judge's teammates, DJ LeMahieu and Luke Voit, have worked out with ex-Yankee Mike Ford, Baltimore's Richie Martin, Minnesota's Tim Beckham and Toronto's Mallex Smith.

The South Florida players and staff have lent a hand.

"We have some great people helping us," LeMahieu said. "They're awesome. They're out there grinding with us. It's been good to work with some other guys from different organizations."



Aaron Judge does not know if he'll be able to wear pinstripes much longer. **FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP**

Most of the normal amenities are nonexistent.

The big-league players occupy most of the parking spots on a small stretch of grass behind the right-field fence. Others park on a nearby side street, bringing along equipment bags with names like Dodgers and Marlins stenciled on them.

There are no post-workout meals or showers. When the session ends, the players collect their gear and go to their vehicles. A few change shirts in the lot before departing.

The venues also vary greatly.

The USF Baseball Stadium opened in 2011 and is considered a facility that could host a NCAA regional or super regional.

Urshela and Torres have been at a high school about 15 minutes away from Steinbrenner Field, the currently empty Yankees spring training complex. The park features a quaint set of metal bleachers behind the plate and a small press box above the red-painted, third-base dugout.

Tampa Bay Rays pitcher Nick Anderson might have the most unusual location — he's tossing in the parking lot of his physical therapist's office. The right-hander, expected to start the season on the injured list because of an elbow injury, plays catch there after getting treatment.

"You're never too big to play some catch in a parking lot," Anderson told the Tampa Bay Times.

The labor strife has brought about challenges but also opportunities.

The South Florida players get the chance to interact with big leaguers and are displaying extra enthusiasm while shagging batting practice. At Florida Gulf Coast, Sale threw off the mound to some of the players.

"The thing that stands out to me most about these guys is their character," USF baseball coach Billy Mohl posted on his Twitter account. "They are great ambassadors to the game of baseball and great human beings."

The weather has cooperated. Sunny skies and warm temperatures have prevailed.

"Awesome," LeMahieu said. "It's good to be outside."

SOCCER

Sweden, Poland refuse to play Russia

Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland — Poland's refusal to play its World Cup qualifier against Russia next month in response to Russia's invasion of Ukraine gained wider support when Sweden followed with its own plans to protest to FIFA on Saturday.

Polish soccer federation president Cezary Kulesza announced Poland's decision and said it was in talks with other federations to present a unified position to FIFA, which is responsible for the March 24 game in Moscow.

"No more words, time to act!" Kulesza wrote on Twitter, adding the move was prompted by the "escalation of the aggression."

Also Saturday, Chelsea owner Roman Abramovich suddenly handed over the "stewardship and care" of the Premier League club to its charitable foundation trustees. The move came after a member of the British parliament called for the Russian billionaire to hand over the club in the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Abramovich, who has owned Chelsea since 2003, made no mention of the war in his statement.

He said: "I have always taken decisions with the Club's best interest at heart. I remain committed to these values. That is why I am today giving trustees of Chelsea's charitable Foundation the stewardship and care of Chelsea."

Poland captain Robert Lewandowski and goalkeeper Wojciech Szczesny were among those supporting its federation's decision, with the Bayern Munich striker saying "we can't pretend that nothing is happening."

Sweden, a potential opponent of Russia in next month's playoffs, later joined Poland in declaring its national team would not play a match against the Russians regardless of where it takes place. The Czech Republic, another team to potentially face Russia, is likely to follow suit.

"Under given circumstances, it's almost impossible to imagine that such a game would take place," said Petr Fousek, the head of the Czech football association. "It's very likely we will follow the Polish and Swedish scenario."

The association's executive committee will meet to decide in several hours, Fousek said.

Sweden made its position clear.

"The illegal and deeply unjust invasion of Ukraine currently makes all football fixtures with Russia impossible," said Karl-Erik Nilsson, the Swedish federation's chairman. "We therefore urge FIFA to decide that the playoff matches in March in which Russia participates will be canceled."

The winner of the Poland-Russia match is due to host Sweden or the Czech Republic on March 29 for a place at the World Cup being played in Qatar from Nov. 21-Dec. 18.

"We have a hard time believing," Nilsson added, "that FIFA will not follow our call. Russia can not join as long as this madness continues."

Nilsson is also first vice president at UEFA which has stripped Russia of hosting the Champions League final in St. Petersburg in May. UEFA decided Friday to move that game to Paris.

Lewandowski, Poland's all-time leading scorer and winner of FIFA's best-player award for the past two years, supported Kulesza's announcement.

"I can't imagine playing a match with the Russian National Team in a situation when armed aggression in Ukraine continues," Lewandowski said on Twitter. "Russian footballers and fans are not responsible for this, but we can't pretend that nothing is happening."

FIFA has yet to take a clear position on Russia hosting or even playing against Poland. European soccer body UEFA said Friday that in its competitions all Russian and Ukrainian teams must now move their home games to play in other countries.

SUNDAY DRIVE A DEEPER LOOK INTO THE WEEK IN SPORTS

ON BASEBALL

JERSEY BOYS

Just because a number is available doesn't mean you can have it



Paul O'Neill, wearing No. 21, leaps onto a pile of Yankees players celebrating winning the World Series on Oct. 26, 1996, at Yankee Stadium in New York. O'Neill helped lead the Yankees to four World Series titles. The team is retiring his number after briefly giving it to other players in 2008. **G. PAUL BURNETT/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

By Tyler Kepner
The New York Times

For Morgan Ensberg, damage control started when he saw his uniform number at spring training in 2008. It was 21, the number worn by Paul O'Neill for nine sterling seasons in pinstripes, and after six years out of circulation, the Yankees had decided to quietly reintroduce it. Big mistake, Ensberg thought.

He begged the Yankees' clubhouse manager to give him a new number when the season started. He offered $5,000 to buy a different number from his teammate Wilson Betemit. He even apologized to O'Neill, who insisted he did not mind. But Ensberg knew he would never win over the masses.

"The fans made it very clear, even during spring training: 'That's Paul's number!'" Ensberg, who is now a manager in the Tampa Bay farm system, said by phone Wednesday. "I was like, 'I know. It's just spring training. I've already talked to the clubbie. We're good.' You have certain people — it doesn't really matter that they're not in the Baseball Hall of Fame — they've done so much and they're such an example of that team, you don't want to touch that stuff."

The Yankees announced Tuesday that they would retire O'Neill's number in a ceremony Aug. 21. But the fans had retired it long ago, hounding reliever LaTroy Hawkins until he gave it up shortly after Ensberg dropped it in 2008. Tuesday's announcement was a much-delayed statement of the obvious.

"I've heard that a big reason for this was the backing of the fans, and if that's true, all I can do is be thankful," O'Neill said during a video conference call Wednesday. "I always have been thankful to the New York fans. They've treated me unbelievable, both as a player and up in the booth calling games."

With the Yankees' announcement, O'Neill leaves a more exclusive — but less celebrated — group than the one he has now joined: a secret society of standouts whose uniform numbers are out of circulation, yet not retired.

In some cases, the numbers seem destined to be retired eventually, such as No. 5 for the Mets (David Wright) and the Cardinals (Albert Pujols), No. 15 for the Angels (Tim Salmon) and perhaps No. 3 for the Rays (Evan Longoria).

But there are several that have been out of use for decades or more, a quirk that Josh Hader, the All-Star closer, encountered when he joined the majors with the Brewers in 2017.

Hader grew up near Baltimore and hoped to wear No. 17, like his favorite player, the Orioles' B.J. Surhoff.



Paul O'Neill stands on a base as he looks on during a game between the Yankees and Royals on April 16, 2000, at Yankee Stadium. **DAVID LEEDS/GETTY**

That number was technically available with the Brewers, but the team had not issued it since Jim Gantner, a longtime infielder, last used it in 1992.

"It's like a retired number that's not retired, so I just said 17 backward is 71, and I just rolled with it," Hader said a few years ago.

The Brewers do have five retired numbers, but all are for Hall of Famers: former owner Bud Selig (1), Paul Molitor (4), Robin Yount (19), Rollie Fingers (34) and Hank Aaron (44). Gantner never made an All-Star team but has strong local appeal: A native of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, about 70 miles northwest of Milwaukee, he played his entire 17-year career with the Brewers and helped them reach their only World Series, in 1982.

Here are a few players who have lingered for years — or even decades — in the middle ground O'Neill has escaped:

Fernando Valenzuela

No. 34, Dodgers

From his spellbinding 1981 rookie season through 1986, Valenzuela went 97-68 and led the majors in strikeouts, innings and earned run average (minimum 100 starts). He was never quite the same after that — except for a 1990 no-hitter, when Vin Scully told viewers, "If you have a sombrero, throw it to the sky!" — but as the team's first Mexican superstar, his role in broadening the Dodgers' appeal still resonates.

Jay Buhner

No. 19, Mariners

Buhner teamed with Ken Griffey Jr. and Edgar Martinez in a punishing middle of the order for the 1995 team that saved baseball in Seattle.

He never left the Mariners after his infamous trade from the Yankees for Ken Phelps in 1988, and he hit his final career home run in the Bronx in the 2001 playoffs against the team that traded him.

Roger Clemens

No. 21, Red Sox

Clemens has a complicated legacy in Boston, but he's been welcomed back warmly in recent years, much like Wade Boggs, who also joined the Yankees later in his career and had his number retired in 2016.

The Red Sox inducted Clemens into their Hall of Fame in 2012 and have not given out his number since letting him leave as a free agent after the 1996 season.

Cal Ripken Sr.

No. 7, Orioles

When the Orioles fired Ripken Sr. as manager in 1988, just six games into their season-opening streak of 21 losses, his son Billy took his dad's No. 7 for the remainder of that year.

No Orioles player has worn it since. (The No. 7 is prominently displayed next to a notorious bat handle on Ripken's 1989 Fleer baseball card.)

The team also does not issue No. 44, which was worn by former player and coach Elrod Hendricks, and it stopped giving out No. 46 after the death of Mike Flanagan, the former pitcher and team executive, in 2011.

Gary Carter

No. 8, Mets

The Mets bungled this one badly. After releasing Carter in 1989, they issued No. 8 to Dave Gallagher, Carlos Baerga and Desi Relaford through 2001. They haven't given it out since, yet they have inexplicably never retired it for Carter, a Hall of Famer who died in 2012.

The Expos did retire Carter's No. 8 (and No. 10 for Andre Dawson and Rusty Staub), but the franchise unretired those numbers when it started over as the Nationals.

Charley Lau

No. 6, White Sox

Lau, an influential hitting coach, died of cancer at age 50 in 1984, and his number has been out of use since another coach, Walt Hriniak, wore it as a tribute in the 1990s. Ozzie Guillen's No. 13 has also been out of circulation since his last game as manager in 2011. This is unusual for the White Sox, who typically waste no time retiring numbers. In 1989, they retired Harold Baines' No. 3 just weeks after trading him to the Rangers. Baines would return several times to the White Sox as a player and a coach — and he always got his old number back.

Dan Quisenberry and Mike Sweeney

No. 29, Royals

Quisenberry, a submarining closer with a world-class wit, won five Rolaids Relief Man awards for the Royals in the 1980s. They kept his number in use and eventually gave it to Sweeney, a slugging first baseman who made five All-Star teams in the 2000s.

No one has worn it since.

Darryl Kile

No. 57, Astros, Rockies, Cardinals

Kile, a durable and well-liked starter, was just 33 when he died of a heart attack during a Cardinals road trip to Chicago in 2002. It was the first death of an active player during the regular season since Thurman Munson's plane crash in 1979. None of Kile's three teams has issued No. 57 since, and all of their ballparks still display a memorial circle with "DK 57." The numbers of others who have died in the middle of a season — including Nick Adenhart (No. 34) and Tyler Skaggs (No. 45) of the Angels and Jose Fernandez (No. 16) of the Marlins — have also remained out of use, though Noah Syndergaard will wear No. 34 for the Angels this season with the blessing of the Adenhart family.

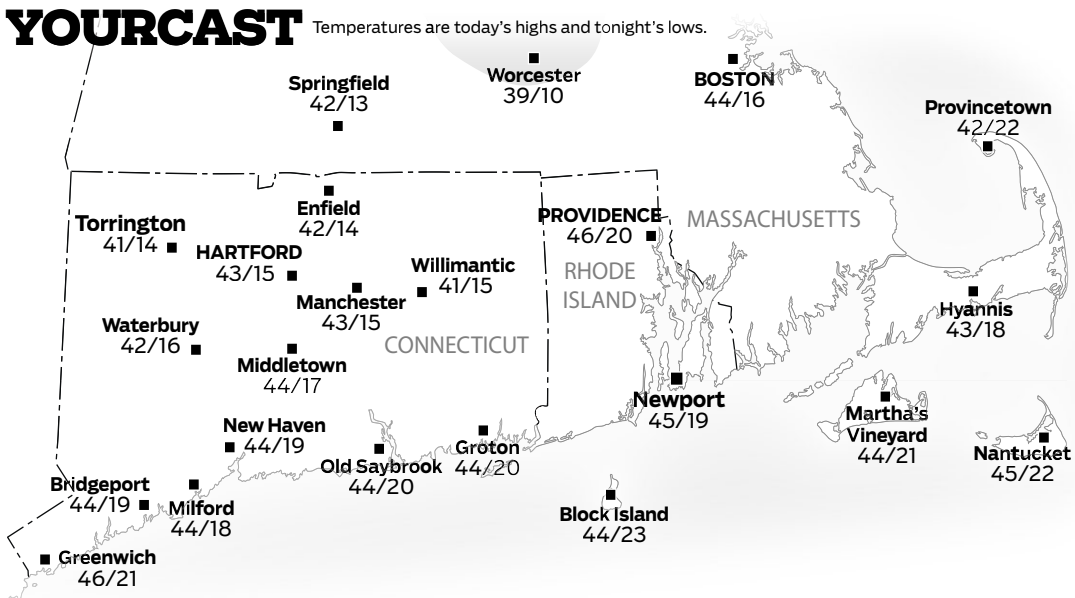
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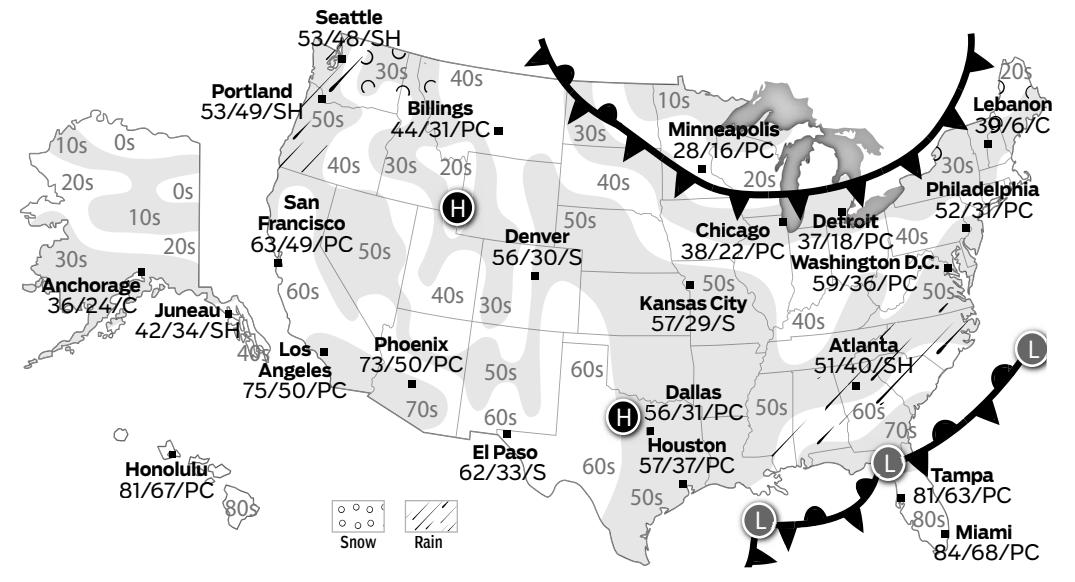
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET	SUNRISE NOON SUNSET
Morning sunshine mixing with afternoon clouds, breezy. West wind at 10 to 15 mph.	Sunny, breezy and cold. Wind chills in the single digits and teens.	Mixed clouds and sunshine, more seasonable.	Variable cloudiness, cool.	Mixed clouds and sunshine, chance for a morning snow shower, breezy.
HIGH 43° LOW 15°	HIGH 27° LOW 11°	HIGH 38° LOW 26°	HIGH 42° LOW 23°	HIGH 37° LOW 16°

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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.





OUTLOOK

With February quickly slipping away, a quick look back at the month shows dramatic swings in the temperatures with days that had highs in the 60s and 70s and other days with highs only in the 20s, but no extreme or real bitter cold. Precipitation has been well above normal, yet snowfall is well below normal. The last two days of the month are going to feature fair skies. Temperatures will be pleasant on Sunday and then turn much colder on Monday. The National Weather Service forecast for March calls for above normal temperatures and near normal precipitation.

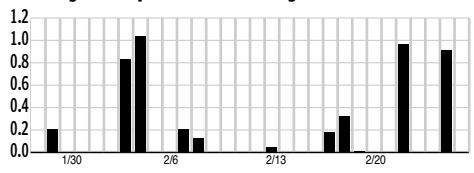
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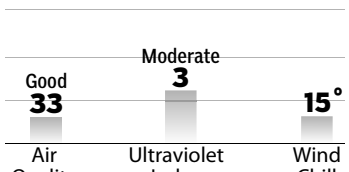
Precipitation In Inches	Total	Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.00	0.13
Month to date	4.65	2.89
Total this year	6.48	6.17
Snowfall In Inches		
Yesterday (by 4 p.m.)	0.0	0.4
Total this year	26.3	40.3

Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks

30-day Precipitation History In Inches



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	6:29 a.m.	6:28 a.m.
Sunset	5:38 p.m.	5:39 p.m.
Moonrise	4:54 a.m.	5:40 a.m.
Moonset	1:58 p.m.	3:14 p.m.

Moon Phase

New	First	Full	Last
Mar 2	Mar 10	Mar 18	Mar 25

Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	6:19 a.m.	12:09 a.m.	37°
	6:42 p.m.	1:00 p.m.	
Saybrook Jetty	7:30 a.m.	1:02 a.m.	37°
	7:53 p.m.	1:53 p.m.	
Connecticut River at Portland	10:13 a.m.	4:48 a.m.	
	10:36 p.m.	5:39 p.m.	
Madison	7:44 a.m.	1:22 a.m.	38°
	8:19 p.m.	2:07 p.m.	
New Haven	8:04 a.m.	1:46 a.m.	37°
	8:39 p.m.	2:31 p.m.	
Stamford	8:08 a.m.	2:00 a.m.	38°
	8:43 p.m.	2:45 p.m.	

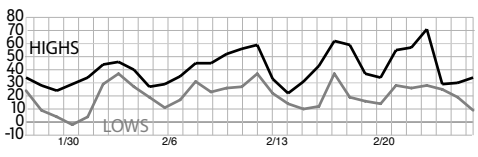
River Stage at Hartford: 10.29 feet at 6:30 p.m.

Boating Weather	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
	MSunny	MSunny	MSunny
Wind	W, 15-20	W, 15-25	W, 15-25
Seas	2-4 ft.	2-4 ft.	4-7 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Saturday	34 at 3:59 p.m	9 at 6:51 a.m
Normal for date	41	23
Record for date	65 in 1976	-4 in 1990
A year ago	43	25
Range this year	71	-2

Heating Degree Days	Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - Feb 26	3904	4275	4020

30-day Temperature History



Atmosphere	High	Low
Barometer	30.46 at 8 a.m.	30.25 at 7 p.m.
Dew point	11° at 2 p.m.	4° at 5 a.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND				Baltimore	54	30	PC	Nashville	47	28	C
Bangor	34	8	C	Bismarck	38	13	PC	New Orleans	58	44	C
Burlington	32	3	SF	Boise	36	21	C	New York	46	25	S
Caribou	26	-1	SF	Buffalo	34	10	PC	Okla. City	58	28	S
Concord	39	10	PC	Charleston	73	51	C	Omaha	56	22	S
Montpelier	31	0	SF	Cincinnati	51	28	PC	Orlando	87	62	PC
Mt. Wash.	8	-17	C	Cleveland	40	19	PC	Pittsburgh	48	22	PC
Portland	41	16	PC	Indianapolis	45	26	S	Raleigh	53	35	SH
Woods Hole	42	18	S	Jacksonville	83	55	C	St. Louis	51	31	S
NATION				Las Vegas	64	45	PC	Salt Lake City	39	24	PC
Albany	41	11	PC	Miami Beach	84	67	S	San Antonio	60	37	PC
Albuquerque	52	31	S	Milwaukee	36	21	PC	San Diego	71	50	PC
Atlantic City	52	26	S	San Juan	84	74	PC	Budapest	50	25	S
				Tucson	72	44	S	Buenos Aires	82	64	T
				WORLD				Cairo	72	51	S
								Cancun	84	71	SH
								Dubai	88	70	PC
				Amsterdam	48	34	S	Dublin	52	32	C
				Athens	61	43	SH	Edinburgh	48	43	PC
				Bangkok	95	75	PC	Helsinki	39	30	S
				Barbados	83	75	SH	Hong Kong	70	61	S
				Beijing	55	28	S	Istanbul	52	41	R
				Beirut	61	55	SH	Jerusalem	57	39	PC
				Berlin	46	27	PC	Johannesburg	76	58	SH
				Bermuda	70	60	PC	Kingston	85	70	SH
								Lisbon	64	48	PC
								London	48	41	S
								Madrid	59	39	C
								Mexico City	77	43	S
								Milan	52	30	S
								Montreal	30	0	SN
								Moscow	34	23	SN
								Nassau	80	69	S
								New Delhi	77	54	C
								Paris	52	34	S
								Prague	43	25	C
								Rio de Janeiro	90	70	PC
								Rome	54	36	C
								Seoul	48	34	S
								Singapore	91	75	T
								Stockholm	41	26	PC
								Sydney	73	68	SH
								Tel Aviv	64	48	PC
								Tokyo	61	36	PC
								Toronto	32	5	SF
								Vancouver	48	46	R
								Warsaw	37	25	S

KEY: **S** Sunny, **C** Cloudy, **PC** Partly Cloudy, **R** Rain, **SH** Showers, **SN** Snow, **SF** Snow Flurries, **T** T-storms

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The Penguins' Sidney Crosby shoots on Rangers goaltender Igor Shesterkin during the second period Saturday in Pittsburgh. **KEITH SRAKOCIC / AP**

PENGUINS 1, RANGERS 0

Jarry's 27 saves, Malkin's goal make the difference

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — It's difficult to get a read on Tristan Jarry.

The reserved Pittsburgh Penguins goaltender speaks with a monotone that makes it hard to tell if he's coming off his best performance of the season or his worst.

It's a steadiness that has fueled Jarry to a pair of All-Star appearances. But look hard enough at the way Jarry plays, and there's an edge now that didn't exist a year ago during a forgettable first-round playoff loss to the New York Islanders.

Jarry no longer sits back in his crease. Instead he's out there cutting down angles and occasionally mixing it up in the process.

Jarry calls it "taking the ice that's mine." He claimed plenty of it in a taut 1-0 victory over the New York Rangers on Saturday that leapfrogged the Penguins over their rivals for second place in the tight Metropolitan Division.

Two days after getting pulled for the first time all season in a dismal loss to last-place New Jersey — a game in which he allowed five goals on 19 shots thanks in large part to some shaky play in front of him — Jarry turned aside all 27 shots he saw from the Rangers to post the 11th shutout of his career, tied with Matt Murray and Les Binkley for third-most in team history.

Evgeni Malkin provided the difference with a power-play goal 5 minutes, 9 seconds into the third period when he went down to one knee to rifle a snapshot from the right circle past Igor Shesterkin. The score was Malkin's eighth of the season.

Pittsburgh ended a three-game losing streak by returning to the kind of responsible, disciplined play that was the team's hallmark until a recent dip in which it was shaky in losses to Toronto, Carolina and the Islanders.

"I thought we did a really good job," Pittsburgh forward Jeff Carter said. "Obviously our defensive game hasn't been up to par lately ... it's something we've talked about the last few days, and I thought everyone came in with the mindset to check first and create our chances off that."

Shesterkin finished with 25 saves, but the Rangers, who tested Jarry early and late, ended their six-game point streak.

"I thought it was a hard-working game for both teams," New York coach Gerard Gallant said. "Great goaltending, obviously, by both teams. It's too bad one goal decided it. Jarry made a couple great saves on our power play."

The two goaltenders matched each other stop for stop for the game's first 45 minutes until Malkin broke through with New York's Ryan Lindgren in the penalty box after hooking Penguins star Sidney Crosby.

The ensuing power play gave Pittsburgh its first lead in well over a week.

Crosby threaded a pass to Bryan Rust, who then flipped it over to Malkin in the right circle. The Russian star buried it for what became the 75th game-winning goal of his career, passing franchise icon Mario Lemieux for second on the club's all-time list.

Crosby's secondary assist moved him into a tie with Mike Modano for 25th on the NHL's all-time scoring list (1,374 points).

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

SATURDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BOYS BASKETBALL

Others
WESTBROOK 40, WHITNEY TECH 39
FAIRFIELD LUDLOWE 62, MALONEY 55
Conference Tournaments
CCC—Quarterfinals (Enfield HS)
BRISTOL CENTRAL 73, MIDDLETOWN 58
WINDSOR 91, RHAM 64
CONARD 74, BLOOMFIELD 70
NORTHWEST CATHOLIC 69, EAST CATHOLIC 57
Shoreline—Quarterfinals
CROMWELL 77, OLD LYME 46
OLD LYME (8-13): John Almy 3-0-8, Jacob Ritchie 5-0-12, Frank Sablone 3-0-7, Sam Mullaney 1-0-2, Caden Monte 5-2-12, Calvin Monte 1-0-2, Max Swaney 1-0-2, Jack Porter 1-0-2. Totals 20-2-46.
CROMWELL (20-1): Gianluca Albert 7-2-18, Louis Friend 1-0-2, Victor Payne 10-1-21, JJ Fehan 5-0-11, Logan Mure 2-0-6, Jake Salafia 4-0-12, Connor McMillian 1-0-3, Keanu Gomez 1-0-2, Jovan Marrero 0-1-1, Sam Stergos 0-1-1. Totals 31-5-77.
OL; 10; 15; 13; 8; —; 46
C; 20; 10; 25; 16; —; 77
MORGAN 44, VALLEY REGIONAL 41
EAST HAMPTON 59, HALE-RAY 55
PORTLAND 49, OLD SAYBROOK 41
SCC—Quarterfinal
HAND 79, AMITY 65
NVL—Quarterfinal (Wilby HS)
CROSBY 64, ST. PAUL 52

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Conference Tournaments
Shoreline—Final (Morgan HS)
VALLEY REGIONAL VS. EAST HAMPTON, LATE

BOYS HOCKEY

CCC-North
SOUTH WINDSOR 3, GLASTONBURY 2
CCC-South
ENFIELD CO-OP 5, HALL 2
SCC/SWC
GUILFORD 4, CHESHIRE 2
HAND 4, EAST HAVEN CO-OP 1
Others
SHEEHAN 6, SOUTHINGTON CO-OP 1
XAVIER 4, SIMSBURY 0

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

CIAC Divisional Championships (Law HS, Milford)
CLASS L
Team **results:** 1. Fairfield Ludlowe, 131.475; 2. Southington, 131.025; 3. Trumbull, 128.800; 4. Staples, 131.970; 5. Glastonbury, 126.200; 6. NFA, 124.175; 7. Greenwich, 121.725; 8. Conard, 115.375.
CLASS M
Team **results:** 1. Woodstock Academy, 140.300; 2. Fairfield Warde, 136.375; 3. H-K/Morgan/Westbrook, 132.700; 4. New Milford, 125.550; 5. Wilton, 122.375; 6. Farmington, 120.500; 7. Darien, 116.800; 8. Newtown, 115.775.

SUNDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE

WRESTLING

CIAC State Open, Day Two (Floyd Little AC, New Haven), 10a.m.

FRIDAY'S LATE COLLEGE RESULTS

MEN'S HOCKEY
NORTHEASTERN 3, UCONN 1
YALE 3, CLARKSON 2
CORNELL 1, QUINNIPIAC 0
WOMEN'S HOCKEY
NESCAC **Tourney—**First Round
CONN. COLLEGE 3, WESLEYAN 2 (OT)

BASEBALL

AUBURN 9, YALE 0

SATURDAY'S COLLEGE RESULTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

HARTFORD 83, NJIT 62
MOUNT ST. MARY'S 65, CENTRAL 46
CORNELL 71, YALE 65
SACRED HEART 80, ST. FRANCIS (PA.) 68
NESCAC **Tourney—**Semifinals (Middletown)
WESLEYAN 70, TRINITY 67
WILLIAMS 78, MIDDLEBURY 61
GNAC **Tourney—**Semifinal
ST. JOSEPH 99, ANNA MARIA 46

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

HARTFORD 67, NJIT 66
MOUNT ST. MARY'S 64, CENTRAL 47
YALE 56, CORNELL 40
QUINNIPIAC 70, SIENA 49
ST. FRANCIS (PA.) 74, SACRED HEART 68
FAIRFIELD 75, MANHATTAN 63
NESCAC **Tourney—**Semifinals (Hartford)
BATES 57, TRINITY 55
AMHERST 73, TUFTS 59
MEN'S HOCKEY
NORTHEASTERN 5, UCONN 2
SACRED HEART 6, ARMY 6 (SACRED HEART WINS SO, 1-0)
YALE AT ST. LAWRENCE, LATE
COLGATE AT QUINNIPIAC, LATE
WOMEN'S HOCKEY
FRANKLIN PIERCE 1, SACRED HEART 0
Hockey East **Tourney—**Quarterfinal
UCONN 3, BOSTON UNIVERSITY 1
NESCAC **Tourney—**Quarterfinal
COLBY 3, TRINITY 1
ECAC **Tourney—**Quarterfinals (Game 2; best-of-3)
YALE 4, ST. LAWRENCE 2
QUINNIPIAC 4, CLARKSON 0

BASEBALL

UCONN 11, NORTH FLORIDA 0
CLEMSON 13-28, HARTFORD 3-3
AUBURN 4, YALE 3
NC STATE 12, QUINNIPIAC 10 (10)
ST. THOMAS 3, SACRED HEART 2
RICHMOND 23, SACRED HEART 2
KENNESAW STATE 4-9, FAIRFIELD 3-1

SOFTBALL

Cougar Classic (Charleston, S.C.)
UCONN 2, APPALACHIAN STATE 1
UCONN 8, WESTERN CAROLINA 0
NC State Invitational (Raleigh, N.C.)
BOWLING GREEN 10, CENTRAL 2
NC STATE 13, CENTRAL 3
USF Tourney (Tampa Fla.)
FAIRFIELD 4, SOUTH FLORIDA 0
ST. JOSEPH'S (PA.) 2, FAIRFIELD 1

MEN'S LACROSSE

PENN STATE 10, YALE 6
VILLANOVA 16, FAIRFIELD 9
EASTERN AT GORDON, PPD.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

YALE 16, ALBANY 14
HOFSTRA 9, FAIRFIELD 5

SUNDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

MEN'S BASKETBALL

UConn at Georgetown, noon
Canisius at Quinnipiac, 1p.m.
Fairfield at Manhattan, 2p.m.
NESCAC **Tourney—**Final (Middletown)
Williams vs. Wesleyan, noon
GNAC **Tourney—**Final
Albertus Magnus at St. Joseph, 3p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Providence at UConn (Gampel), 2p.m.
NESCAC **Tourney—**Final (Hartford)
Amherst vs. Bates, noon
MEN'S HOCKEY
NESCAC **Tourney—**Quarterfinals
Conn. College at Trinity, 1p.m.
Hamilton at Wesleyan, 3p.m.
WOMEN'S HOCKEY
ECAC **Tourney—**Quarterfinals (Game 3; best-of-3)
St. Lawrence at Yale, 3p.m.

BASEBALL

Sacred Heart at Richmond, noon
UConn at North Florida, 1p.m.
Quinnipiac at NC State, 1p.m.
Yale at Auburn, 2p.m.

SOFTBALL

Cougar Classic (Charleston, S.C.)
UConn vs. Appalachian State, 11a.m.
NC State Invitational (Raleigh, N.C.)
Central vs. Bowling Green, 10a.m.
Central at NC State, 3p.m.
USF Tourney (Tampa Fla.)
Fairfield vs. St. Joseph's (Pa.), 9a.m.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

UConn at New Hampshire, 1p.m.
UMass Lowell at Sacred Heart, 1p.m.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Seton Hall at UConn, 10:30a.m.
Big East basketball standings
MEN'S
Team; CONF; CPCT; OVR; PCT
Providence; 13-2; .867; 23-3; .885
Villanova; 14-4; .778; 21-7; .750
UConn; 11-5; .688; 20-7; .741
Creighton; 11-5; .688; 19-8; .704
Marquette; 10-7; .588; 18-10; .643
Seton Hall; 9-8; .529; 18-9; .667
St. John's; 7-9; .438; 15-12; .556
Xavier; 7-10; .412; 17-11; .607
Butler; 6-13; .316; 13-17; .433
DePaul; 4-13; .235; 13-14; .481
Georgetown; 0-16; .000; 6-21; .222

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

MARQUETTE 64, BUTLER 56
SETON HALL 82, XAVIER 66
CREIGHTON AT PROVIDENCE, LATE

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

UConn at Georgetown, noon
St. John's at DePaul, 5p.m.

FRIDAY'S LATE RESULT

SETON HALL 94, DEPAUL 90

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

DePaul at Creighton, noon
Providence at UConn, 2p.m.
Villanova at Xavier, 2p.m.
Georgetown at Butler, 2p.m.
St. John's at Marquette, 3p.m.

Wolf Pack defeat Providence, 5-2

HARTFORD – Five different Wolf Pack players scored in a 5-2 win over the Providence Bruins in an AHL Atlantic Division game on Saturday night at the XL Center.

After Joona Koppanen gave the Bruins the early lead with a goal at 2:56 of the first, Matt Lorito tied things up for Hartford at 4:33. Hartford's Austin Rueschhoff and Providence's Justin Brazeau exchanged scores and the first period ended in a 2-2 tie.

Hartford then took off with three unanswered goals as Nils Lundkvist, Patrick Khodeorenko and Ty Ronning all found the net. — *Staff report*

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The Pebble light fixture is formed from dozens of pieces of bone china by Original BTC Studio. **ORIGINAL BTC**

Creative, clever, cozy

Turn on some charm with these designer lighting options

By Kim Cook | Associated Press

Designers and lighting companies have been busy coming up with new ways to hold a lightbulb and project light, and winter is a great time to explore their latest solutions. Some are inspired by the skies overhead. Others by style eras, from Deco to disco. Still others are working with interesting materials to build a lamp.

"There's a growing world of lighting that's so much more than the glass globe on a stem," says designer Ted Bradley of Boulder, Colorado. He cites fresh, sculptural forms: "When done right, they both capture our attention as standalone sculptures and fill the space around them with beautiful, high-quality light."

Biophilia

Bradley sees a trend toward nature-inspired objects and spaces. "It's something deeply rooted in all of us," he says.

Two that he's been drawn to recently: John Pomp's Tidal Chandelier, and Ochre's Moonlight Murmuration. "They're fascinating, both in their form and the techniques required to make them."

Pomp is a Philadelphia furniture and lighting designer who's also a glassblower and surfer. His collections of glass pendants, chandeliers, sconces and lamps look like blown bubbles, chunks of ice, swelling waves. The Tidal fixture perches sculpted amoeba-like glass pieces on hand-forged brass stems to create an organic canopy.

In Murmuration, the British design firm Ochre conceptualizes the phenomenon of birds swooping through the sky in mesmerizing, cloud-like formations. Dozens of LED-lit solid glass drops are suspended from a white canopy to look as though they had been caught in mid-flight at night.

Bradley's own Samsara fixture suspends white porcelain rings from a brass spine, evoking the rib cage of a sun-bleached whale skeleton. Other configurations he's devised suggest the bowing branches of a snow-covered aspen tree, a raptor's nest, a constellation.

"I aim to capture a moment of beauty in the natural world, and bring it to life," he says.

Loving the limelight

Etsy trend expert Dayna Isom Johnson sees a rise in interest in "statement lighting" — sculptural pendants, standout sconces, snazzy shades with lots of wow factor. She cites more searches for 1970s-era lamps, decorative lighting, vintage fixtures and colorful pieces.

Statement lighting, she says, "allows folks to spotlight their homes, while doubling as eye-catching artwork."

Designers of lighting fixtures are getting creative with materials, including fiber, porcelain, glass, fabric, paper and metal.

Some statement lighting has a cosmic vibe. The constellation style comes in configurations big and small, with sticks of LEDs arranged to suggest starry skies.

CB2's Savina pendant is an alabaster orb with swirls that resembles a planetary gas giant.

And British designer Lee Broom's Crescent collection includes suspended lighting with illuminated acrylic spheres bisected to reveal a brass interior, as though a futuristic space station were opening its door. Broom's Eclipse fixture melds an acrylic circle with a mirrored one, like two moons meeting.

Peter Bowles, who with son Charlie runs Original BTC, was one of the first to use bone china in lampshade design, over 30 years ago in Oxfordshire, England.

"The potter he approached initially thought he was crazy, as they'd only ever made tableware and similar products — never lighting," says Charlie Bowles.

But he says something special happens when the material meets light.

"Bone china appears pure white once it's fired, but then gives a lovely warm soft glow when lit," he says. "Despite its challenges and reputation for being a tricky ceramic to work with, the end result speaks for itself — it's versatile, fun to design with, and the light you get is soothing and can positively affect your mood."

This year, the studio introduced Shard, a circular chandelier of handmade tiles, and Pebble, an elegant ceiling fixture formed of dozens of pieces of bone china, polished like river rocks and fastened to form a kind of mineral cocoon.

Arteriors has a collection of pendants crafted from materials like wooden beads, raffia and plant fibers. A pendant called Jana, for example, was inspired by traditional thatched roofs; brown wicker fringe creates a playful, textured fixture, suspended on an antique brass chain. The Jemai table lamp has a charcoal-hued base formed from ricestone, a fine gravel. The stacked asymmetrical forms create a groovy '70s vibe.

Wall art

Carla Regina and James Andrew, who run Regina Andrew Detroit in Michigan, say sconces have been on the uptick with their clientele.

Besides providing light, sconces are wall art and "can quickly transform and update a room," Regina says.

Their Happy sconce has two white light balls perching playfully atop a smile-shaped tubular base in nickel, rubbed bronze or brass. Their Gotham sconce pairs a sleeve of alabaster with Art Deco brass trim — it's evocative of that era, yet classically modern.

France & Son's matte-black Serge sconce is a reproduction of the classic mussel-shaped Serge Mouille midcentury fixture.

Inspired by antlers she saw while visiting Jackson Hole, Wyoming, designer Beth Webb had an antler cast in resin and transformed into the Jackson sconce, with a white linen shade and nickel backplate.

Apartment dwellers take heart; there are many plug-in or battery-operated sconces that don't need to be hardwired; just attach them to the wall and use a remote. Schoolhouse, AllModern, Rejuvenation and Lamps Plus all have a wide range of plug-in styles, and battery-operated ones can be found at Wayfair and Amazon.

White and gray a timeless color palette for tile

By Cathy Hobbs
Tribune News Service

You're looking to retile your kitchen or bathroom and are at a loss as to which color tile to choose. As a tile choice can often make or break a room, the dilemma is understandable. What is on trend? One trend and color palette we have spotted repeatedly recently does seem pervasive: the colors white and gray.

While this may not surprise you and may even seem to be a bit bland, there are some advantages — namely its timeless appeal and neutrality. We have spotted this color palette from kitchen countertops to backsplashes and bathrooms. Here are some ways to make the right selection for your next renovation.

1. Select the slab in person when it comes to large surfaces such as a countertop or backsplash. In many instances, a customer can visit a stone yard in person to make their own selection.

2. Be aware of background color and shades. Not all whites and grays blend together, so be sure to place tiles side by side to ensure color matching.

3. Consider using tile on larger surfaces to create an interesting wall feature.

4. Mix patterns. It is not unusual to have one pattern on the wall and another on a floor.

5. Consider mosaic and glass tiles. If you choose this route, be sure to hire an installer.

6. Select a custom grout color. This is often an overlooked design element.

7. Choose rectangular tiles as opposed to those that are square for a more modern look.

8. Consider using tile to introduce both texture and color into a space.

9. Look for interesting ways to lay tile in a pattern.

10. Consider pairing tile that is dissimilar but of the same color palette to add interest and depth.



A single slab of Calacatta marble is used as a backsplash in this kitchen. **SCOTT GABRIEL MORRIS/TNS**

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Widow considers living trust to avoid probate

By Ilyce Glink and Samuel J. Tamkin
Tribune Content Agency



The important thing is to make sure that at the end of the day, the owner of the property is the living trust. DREAMSTIME

Q: My mother (a widow) would like to put her home into a living trust to avoid probate. Before we do that, we have some questions. First, does tax law allow for a step-up basis on the property if she were to die? Can she simply execute a quitclaim deed to put the property into the trust? And can I create the trust for her without an attorney and can she administer the trust on her own thereafter?

A: Good for you and your mom for thinking ahead and doing some smart financial planning for her home. You're right to try to avoid probate after your mom passes. Probate can be expensive and time consuming. Your idea to use a living trust is a good one. Your mom should be the beneficiary and trustee of the living trust.

As the owner of the trust and the trustee, she controls the property to the same extent as if the property was in her name. The added benefit of the trust is that upon any mental disability, the trust document can designate a successor trustee to handle her affairs and upon her death, the trust document would both designate a successor trustee and a successor owner of the trust.

As the beneficiary and trustee of her living trust, she retains the same ownership interest and tax basis in the property she had prior to the transfer. For Internal Revenue Service purposes, transferring her home to a living trust won't change anything. It's as if she still owned the property in her own name.

Having said that, other types of trusts can have a different tax impact, including transferring ownership of the property in stages to a different beneficiary. These tend to be more complicated to set up and administer.

The stepped-up basis is a tax concept that relates to the owner's cost of a property with adjustments for improvements and the value of the property at the time the owner dies.

If your mom dies, and the property is worth $1,000,000 at the time of her death, the heir or new beneficiary of the trust would inherit the property at the stepped-up value. If you sold the property for $1,000,000, you'd have no federal income or capital gains tax to pay because the cost to you for IRS purposes would be $1,000,000 and the sales price would be $1,000,000.

Many people set up living trusts but forget to convey ownership of homes and other property from their personal names to the name of the trust. Yes, you can prepare a quitclaim deed or any other type of deed that would transfer your mom's ownership in the property to the living trust. The important thing is to make sure that at the end of the day the owner of the property is the living trust, and not your mom.

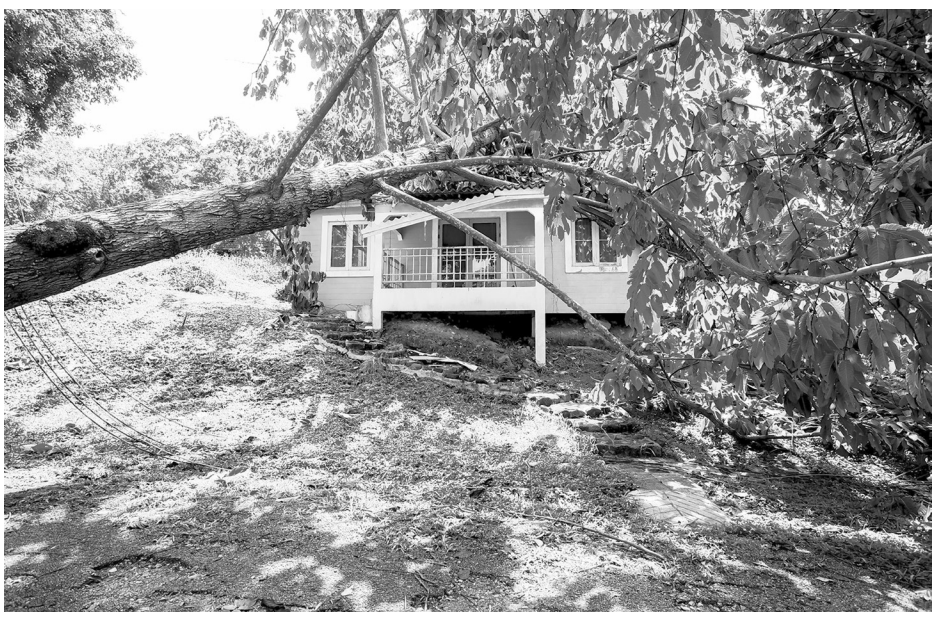
We usually tell our readers that they should have a professional help them with the conveyance from the person's name to the person's living trust. That professional can be an attorney, settlement agent or other knowledgeable person in real estate that has handled these cases before. You need to make sure that it's done correctly otherwise all the work will be meaningless and you could find yourself in probate or facing an unexpected tax bill.

If you hire an attorney to prepare the living trust, ask if they can prepare the deed to convey the property into the living trust.

If you decide to create the living trust yourself, that step would be up to you. But you need to know that as with the deed transfer, if you do it wrong, all your hard work might be for naught.

Lastly, you don't need a professional to administer a living trust. The owner, your mom, would be the trustee of the trust and would handle her property affairs just as she did when she owned the property in her own name. There would be no need to hire anybody to do anything for her with the finances of the property. For practical purposes, as the trustee of the property, she'd still pay the bills and take care of the property.

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Some household emergencies can't wait and require help right away. DREAMSTIME

HOME REMEDIES

How to prepare your home for household emergencies

By Paul F. P. Pogue
Ask Angi

Household problems don't follow a 9-to-5 schedule. Gas leaks, an overflowing toilet and a dripping roof don't always wait until you've had your morning coffee.

Emergencies are an unfortunate reality of homeownership. Severe weather can arrive at any time, and many of your home systems are complicated machines that will eventually break down due to wear and tear. While you can't predict when emergencies will arrive, you can prepare yourself by following these tips.

1. Keep in touch with contractors: Regular maintenance benefits you in more ways than one. Not only do you catch problems early and keep your system in good repair, but you'll build relationships with reliable contractors who are familiar with your systems. That means when you call at 2 a.m. with a burst pipe or a concerning electrical problem, the pro that answers the phone has a head start on the fix. It'll be a professional who already has experience with you and your house.

2. Know what you need to do: Keeping resources at your fingertips will help keep bad situations at bay. Make sure you know your most essential contractors' names and after-hours phone numbers. Yes, you can probably look this up on your phone fairly quickly, but you'll save time and reduce complications during what will likely already be a chaotic situation. In some cases, a pro can talk you through potential solutions right there on the phone.

Another key tip — make sure you know how to shut off your home utilities. You can shut down electricity at your main panel. Water and gas lines usually have a master shut-off point outside or in a basement or crawlspace. If you don't know where these valves are located, ask your pro to point them out for you.

3. Be prepared for triage: In some fields, emergency calls don't come in on a consistent basis but rather stack up all at once. For example, after a severe storm or wind event, every roofing company in the region will be swamped with calls for emergency help. In those cases, experts say that they'll do triage work to prevent the worst of immediate damage by removing the most urgent problem, covering up leaks, and doing their best to bring it under control. There may be cases where major repairs can't be completed immediately. Be patient with your pros during crises; the odds are everyone's doing their best to get problems addressed.

4. Keep your home stocked: Sometimes, severe weather means help could be days away. The Federal Emergency Management Agency suggests that you keep your home stocked with enough supplies to get you and your family through 72 hours without outside assistance. This kit should be prepared long before a crisis and stored where you can easily find it. Go to ready.gov for a complete list of necessities and tips on managing a crisis.

Also, make sure your home has at least one fire extinguisher, preferably one for each level of your home. If you have only one, put it in the kitchen, and make sure everyone knows where it is as well as how to operate it.

TREASURES

Expressive Cristoforo Vicari bust is an impressive piece

By Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson
Tribune News Service



This turn-of-the-20th-century bust is beautiful and mysterious. COURTESY

Q: This marble bust is signed "Vicari." It has been in the family for at least 100 years. We are trying to determine the value. Are you able to help us?

A: Busts like this one made by European sculptors from the early years of the 20th century are not uncommon. Most are rather vapid, soulless representations of young women and look like they could have been cranked out by the dozen.

This one, however, is different because the portrait of a young woman in a jaunty hat covering springy curls shows a person with a small mouth and deep, expressive eyes. The clothing is rather conventional for this sort of bust, but the face and expression are engaging.

The artist who crafted the piece was Cristoforo Vicari (the large "C" is lightly superimposed over the "V" in Vicari). Vicari was born in 1848 in the Swiss municipality of Caslano, which is in the Canton area of Ticino (which looks a bit like a long beak thrust into Northern Italy).

Vicari studied art at the Academy of Fine Arts of Brera in Milan. After completing his studies, Vacari worked for a time in Zurich. At some point, he came to Lugano, Switzerland, where he worked, exhibited and died in 1913.

One can find a listing for Vicari in Emmanuel Benezit's Dictionnaire des Peintres, Sculpteurs, Dessinateurs et Graveurs, which was first published in French between 1911 and 1923.

Several editions have been printed since then, including one in 1999, which has the Vacari's listing on page 207 of Vol. 14. An English edition was published in 2006. The reference set is considered one of the most important and seminal sources for information on professional artists.

The letter accompanying the photo refers to the piece as having been made from marble, and it may have been. But we have also found references to similar busts made from alabaster. Alabaster is a relatively soft form of translucent gypsum and is much more easily carved than marble, which is metamorphosed limestone.

We do not know which mineral this one happens to be, but we are not sure it matters all that much for the purposes of today's question. Value is the question here, and we can report a similar piece was sold at Hart Galleries in Houston in August 2004 for $1,500. Unfortunately, that was a long time ago, and more current sales figures seem to suggest the price has declined.

In recent years, large, important Vicari sculptures have sold for more than $100,000 at auction, but his smaller more commercial efforts do appear to be down a bit. But at about 18 inches tall we still feel the piece should retail in the $1,500 to $2,000 range.

Helaine Fendelman and Joe Rosson have written a number of books on antiques. Do you have an item you'd like to know more about? Contact them at Joe Rosson, 2504 Seymour Ave., Knoxville, TN 37917, or email them at treasures@knology.net. If you'd like your question to be considered for their column, include a high-resolution photo of the subject, which must be in focus, with your inquiry.

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK: 11 Clearwater Lane, East Hampton **Sponsored**



Property of the Week

Rare Home on Lake Pocotopaug is the Ultimate Staycation

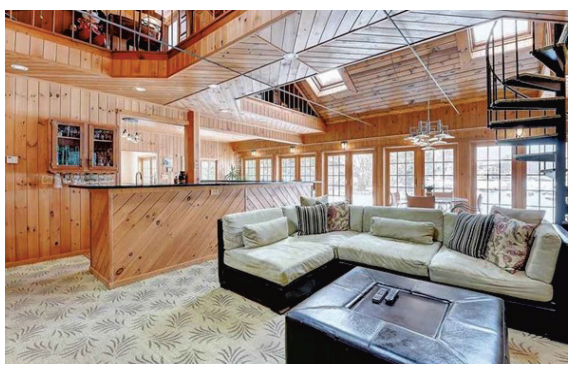
By Karen A. Avitabile

East Hampton's well-known Lake Pocotopaug has long been a destination for vacationers and homeowners alike who love sandy beaches and a lake waterfront that blends Old World splendor with modern-day charm.



A rare opportunity to own a home on a 185-foot water frontage Lake Pocotopaug site is currently on the market at 11 Clearwater Lane. Built in 1925, this seven-room contemporary is the former site of The Clear Water Lodge, a jewel on the lake welcoming guests during the 1930s. At 4,903 square feet of space on three levels, the home is sized for year-round grand entertaining.

Inside, the lodge feeling is captured through a dramatic open floor plan, generous living spaces, custom pine millwork and ceilings, hardwood floors, skylights and two staircases, including one that is spiral-shaped. Outside, an in-ground gunite saltwater pool, dual patios, a private beach and a dock to moor a canoe, kayak, Jet Ski® or boat add to your own ultimate staycation or private tranquil retreat.



Commanding unobstructed views of the lake, the front of the home actually faces the water. A balcony off each bedroom delivers direct water views. With a spectacular approach, the long paved driveway shows off the professionally landscaped property before opening to the home's well-maintained façade, with vinyl siding and an asphalt roof.

The main floor of the home offers beautiful outdoor light streaming through its numerous windows and French doors leading to the pool, the yard, the dock, the beach and the lake. The space opens up to the second level and displays steel-rod supports that give the home an industrial, modern look. The great room, consisting of skylights and a vaulted ceiling, connects to the kitchen and also provides and entrance to the outdoors.

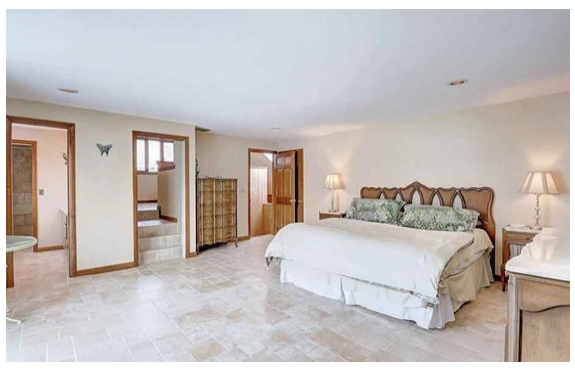


The open kitchen is perfect for entertaining. There is a vaulted ceiling, French doors, double ovens, two separate sinks, granite counters, light-colored wood cabinets, an island with an electric cooktop, an eat-in area, a large storage closet and a separate lounge that could double as a coffee station. The upward prep island is long enough to seat at least seven people.

A new family room offers an all-inclusive space for a second dining room, adjacent flex rooms and a cozy gathering area with a fireplace encased by a wall of bricks. A tucked-away formal library, the perfect office retreat, has convenient custom built-in shelves and a second fireplace.

From the garage or the side door, enter into the home's large mudroom, roomy enough for a washer and dryer. A half-bath on the main level boasts a pedestal sink and built-in wood shelves.

There are two master suites in the home. On the first floor, the room is large enough for use as an in-law, an au pair or a teen suite. Its bathroom features a freestanding tub, a handicap accessible walk-in shower, a well-lit makeup seating area with shelves and a separate water closet.



The upstairs master suite has a huge walk-in closet, a separate office loft area separated by a pocket door and a bonus space with a large granite counter and attached lower cabinets. Recently, the bath was remodeled with double sinks and a pocket door that hides a shower and a water closet.

Extensive accommodations for family and guests can be found on the second level, where two additional bedrooms are located. Another space currently used as an office could be transformed into a bonus room, a reading nook or a fifth bedroom.

The home has an oil-fired water heater and heating system. It is cooled by ceiling fans, wall units and central air conditioning. There is a private well, an all-house water softening system and a connection to public sewer. A two-car garage with a bump-out area for storing mechanicals is attached to the home. All of your beach chairs and boating toys can be hidden in a generous storage building on the property.

Enjoy views of the lake from two concrete paver patios accessible from inside the home. Automatic awnings help to block out the sun at its peak. Family and friends will enjoy hours of fun swimming in the in-ground gunite saltwater pool that faces the lake. Relax with a good book on your private beach or grab your fishing pole and see what the catch-of-the-day is. Tie up a canoe, a kayak or a powerboat to your personal dock so it is ready to go in a moment's notice.





The thriving Lake Pocotopaug has dominated the landscape of East Hampton since the early 19th century when popular waterfront cottages, lodges, resorts and rental homes began bringing tourists to town during the summer months. Today, the lake is mainly surrounded by year-round homes but some cottages still dot the shore. Attractions around the lake include restaurants, boathouses, swimming areas, fishing and a playground.

Located in Middlesex County, East Hampton is a small village with less than 15,000 residents who call it home. The town's unique Comstock Covered Bridge spans the Salmon River near Route 16. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the bridge is one of only three remaining covered bridges in Connecticut.

To see photos of the home or to click on a virtual tour, visit https://www.margaretwilcox.com.

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PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

11 Clearwater Lane, East Hampton

Built: 1925
Price: $975,000
Style: Contemporary
Rooms: 7
Bedrooms: 4 or 5
Baths: 3 full, 1 half
Square footage: 4,903
Acreage: .82
Mill rate: 34.53
Best feature: Lakeview waterfront home, great for entertaining inside or outside
Contact: Margaret Wilcox, (860) 916-3517, margaret.wilcox@raveis.com, https://www.margaretwilcox.com

WEST HARTFORD

Spacious, sun-filled Contemporary Ranch! This 4-5 bedroom brick ranch is truly "a home for all seasons"! In winter, enjoy the 3 fireplaces and 2 large family rooms with room for pool and other activities; in spring, transition to the outdoors on the screened porch and start your garden on the .9ac lot; in summer, have morning coffee watching the sun-rise on the wrap-around deck, and entertain around the in-ground pool; in autumn, enjoy the fall color on the adjacent Canal Rd. walking trail. Just some of the features of this unique home are: a formal living room with an ornate FP mantel, built-in bookcases, and a wall of east-facing windows; a formal dining room with sliders to the deck; a welcoming foyer with tray ceiling, skylight and stunning still-life mural on canvas. The kitchen and family room are open-plan, with a cathedral ceiling, brick wall, fireplace, sliders to the yard and to the screened porch; the kitchen features granite counters and honey-colored cabinets, marble flooring, a Sub-Zero fridge, and a built-in grill. The primary bedroom suite has a dressing area and full bath. The walk-out lower level features a 2nd large family room with full kitchen, a fireplace, and a large space for a guest room, home office or exercise room. Completing the picture are an automatic generator, 2 furnaces and 2 A/C systems, central vac, first-floor laundry, and a popular cul-de-sac location. Welcome Home! MLS# 170466872 $899,000. 124 High Ridge Rd, West Hartford CT 06117. Rena Miller – rmiller@bhhsne.com, 860-305-5725





BLOOMFIELD

MOVE IN READY!! Beautifully updated sun-lit ranch with high ceilings and great architectural details. Charming front porch welcomes you as you enter this 3 bed, 2 bath home. Warm bamboo hardwood floors are found throughout much of the main level. Enjoy entertaining in your spacious living room with gas fireplace, stylish chandelier and vaulted ceilings. The newly remodeled kitchen is a show stopper with tall white shaker cabinets, appliance garage to tuck away that microwave and toaster, stainless steel appliances, corner custom pantry, chunky reclaimed wood shelves, and high end granite. Enjoy your morning coffee in the bright sunroom with wall to wall windows, vaulted ceiling and stellar 4 season views. If you need some privacy, just close the pocket doors. The primary suite features a vaulted tray ceiling with chandelier, 2 walk-in closets, and full bath with double sinks, soaking tub and shower. Two other bedrooms, another full bath and laundry area complete the main level. Expansive walk-out basement area is ideal for storage or can be finished for more space. Efficient gas heat, Trex deck, CAir, underground sprinklers, professionally landscaped lot, and attached 2 car garage finish this desirable home located in the Sinnott Farm Planned Unit Development. MLS# 170466151 $389,900. Lynn C Toper – ltoper@bhhsne.com, 860-560-6775

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

ANSONIA

1 Birchwood Dr, Upton Phillip P Est and Upton, Sean to Osso, Robert, 2/8, $309,000

19 Berkshire Cir, Marcellino, Joseph to Nassar, Eaman H, 2/10, $370,000

19 Birchwood Dr, Blake, Karen D to Rolon, Rafael, 2/10, $419,900

34 Woodbridge Ave, Melewski, Eugene J to Barber, Jason, 2/9, $222,500

42 Meadow St, Gutierrez, Peterson and Gutierre, Necole to Sekelsky, Wesley, 2/7, $297,000

75 Hubbell Ave, Insisiengmay, Jason B and Insisiengmay, June to Jil, Cristal and Paulino, Steven, 2/8, $290,000

79 Pulaski Hwy, Imbro, Joseph and Imbro, Maryann to Zangara, Michael J and Zangara, Susan M, 2/7, $447,000

80 N State St, Ornelli, Jennifer and Allen, Tracey to Goeller, Michael, 2/7, $375,000

96 Colony St, Lupinska, Weronika to Proano, Britza Y, 2/7, $366,000

ASHFORD

7 Armitage Ct, Shooks, Adam C to Asselin, Katherine A, 2/8, $155,000

40-42 Turnpike Rd, Carlson Beverly E Est and Potter, Susan B to King, Timothy S and King, Sharon A, 2/7, $160,000

344 Ashford Center Rd, Cloutier, Gerald to Campbell, Donald, 2/11, $234,000

480 Squaw Hollow Rd, Nelson, Edgar J and Nelson, Dorothy G to Ironwood Acres LLC, 2/7, $200,000

591 Westford Rd, Davis, David J and Davis, Eleanor to Christy, Rick and Holladay, Yvette, 2/9, $306,000

AVON

4 Williamsburg Ln, Caesar LLC to Shah, Neil and Patel, Divya, 2/11, $640,000

13 Ashford Dr Lot 13, Lynch, Tiffany A to Kurtich, Meghan, 2/9, $195,000

35 Old Farms Rd, Neriani, Arthur M and Neriani, Cathryn J to 26 Old Farms Rd, 2/7, $231,000

67 Harris Rd, Dunham, Christopher to Pierson, Mark G and Hoff, Danielle, 2/11, $407,000

224 New Rd, Wen, Katelyn E to Greene, Gary and Greene, Malgorzata, 2/11, $350,000

BEACON FALLS

17 Bayberry Ct, Eg Home LLC to Rothgeb, James A and Scott, Bob R, 2/9, $618,525

32 Pondview Cir, Pond Spring Dev LLC to Santiago, Juan, 2/8, $316,500

45 Pines Bridge Rd, RSJ Development Co to Pinesbridge Prop LLC, 2/11, $1,420,000

47 Railroad Ave, Mariano, David to JSFG CT Beacon Falls Prop, 2/9, $380,000

198 Cook Ln, Scheithe Sharon L Est and Scheithe, John R to Davin, Kyle A and Loomis, Ashley A, 2/8, $90,000

BERLIN

33 Langdon Ct Lot E201, Stankevich, Bernard A to Lacki, Sebastian, 2/9, $162,000

46 Hamilton Dr, Ponte, Kate to Beaulieu, Christopher J, 2/7, $285,000

53 Ledge Dr, Spring, Jeffrey A to Freer, Ethan and Freer, Samantha, 2/7, $300,000

85 Stony Mill Ln Lot 85, Donoghue, Kathleen K to Greene, Michael E and Greene, Mary F, 2/9, $275,000

262 Deming Rd, CR Home Remodeling Inc to Plourde, Jason B, 2/10, $260,000

991-993 Worthington Rdg, 100 Harding Holdings LLC to Gunning, Sean, 2/2, $365,000

1520 Farmington Ave, Svelan, Charles J and Svelan, Rachel W to Rodriguez, Pedro and Sanchez, Herminia, 2/7, $350,000

BETHANY

33 Falls Rd, Dapkins, Mary E to Landucci, Christopher and Landucci, Nicole E, 2/7, $82,000

39 Perkins Rd, Khachane, Vasant B and Khachane, Barbara C to Castleberry Associates, 2/11, $85,000

BETHEL

1 Bayberry Hill Rd, Saules Jr, Joao G and Saules, Carine O to Riley, Elka, 2/7, $635,000

7 Short Dr, Cote, Brian to Hogan 3rd, Spurgeon and Sarabia, Elizabeth, 2/7, $375,000

14 Great Hill Dr Lot 14, Pepin, Terese to Vingiano, William and Griffin, Janet, 2/7, $642,000

32 Idlewood Lot 32, Hogan, Spurgeon G to Hopf, Ryan W, 2/7, $265,000

58 Natureview Trl Lot 58, Archer, Rebecca to Ali-Ahmad, Omar and Vitti, Amanda, 2/7, $250,000

BETHLEHEM

582 Main St S, Pappas Jr, Arthur and Pappas, Susan A to Ginger, Kimberly and Smith, Benjamin, 2/8, $340,000

BLOOMFIELD

6 Julie Ln, Olson, Anders to Blackman, Lorraine, 2/9, $236,900

18 Kenwood Cir, US Bank NA Tr to Frith, Keisha M, 2/9, $270,000

29 Park Ave, Fillion, Sabatino and Wilson, Kimberly to Lewis, Melissa A, 2/8, $222,000

55 Brookline Ave, Carrington, Kenneth I and Bruce Properties LLC to Carrington, Gerard, 2/8, $107,000

1146 Blue Hills Ave, 1735 Asylum Ave LLC to Rehoboth Court LLC, 2/8, $300,000

BOLTON

7 Elizabeth Rd, Belli, Diane M and Belli, John J to Smith, Jessica L, 2/7, $370,000

16 Campmeeting Rd, Hammer, Timothy S and Hammer, Hildegard to Carrano, Matthew G, 2/7, $582,500

BRANFORD

Jefferson Woods, Sharma, Sunita to Acampora, Stefanie D, 2/3, $205,000

Pine Orchard Rd, Errante, Steven J and Aguilar, Jennifer S to Grand Manor Holdings LLC, 2/11, $340,000

Terhune Ave, Schmidt Newton F Jr Est and Lindblad, Gary to 11 Terhune Holdings LLC, 2/4, $130,000

3 Woodvale Rd, Wells, Cnthia to Garofalo, Pamela and Garofalo, Peter, 2/7, $420,000

4 Dorr St, Marlowe, Justine D to Sutton, Richard D and Taylor, Jennifer, 2/10, $880,000

6 Castle Rock Lot 6, LL Broph 1 LLC to Killion, Meredith C, 2/7, $440,000

11 Terhune Ave, Schmidt, Nellie and Lindblad, Gary to 11 Terhune Holdings LLC, 2/4, $130,000

18 Howd Ave, Meffert, Steven A to Altermatt, Alexander, 2/7, $350,000

37 Fenway Rd, Johnson, Greg T to Vissat, Justin and Vissat, Alexandria, 2/7, $471,000

38 Turtle Bay Dr Lot 38, J C Mcconnell RET and Nodelman, Alan to Komara, Kevin and Bernardo, Jeanette, 2/8, $529,900

47 Coachman Dr, Romblad Jr, Walter E and Romblad, Barbara to Serra, Michael G and Serra, Shannon C, 2/8, $530,000

52 Alps Rd, Serra, Michael and Serra, Shannon C to Tupper, Jessica, 2/7, $375,000

55 Turtle Bay Dr Lot 55, Chen, Kailiang and Chen, Through B to Lomonaco, Maria and Lomonaco, Vincenzo, 2/2, $407,000

92 Limewood Ave Lot C4, Delea, Garry and Delea, Jill to Ferrari, Carol A and Ferrari, Kenneth S, 2/4, $360,000

99 Todds Hill Rd, F Vigliotti Const Co LLC to Montone, Christopher F and Montone, Tina M, 2/10, $573,850

140 Austin Ryer Ln Lot 140, Toro, Robert E to Moran, Brendan C, 2/9, $192,500

165 Short Beach Rd, 165 SBR LLC to Lerner, Aleksandr and Dubison, April B, 2/4, $390,000

201 E Main St, Schaper, Robert A and Schaper, Doris to Malek, Dut M, 2/4, $395,000

BRIDGEPORT

Ogden St, Colon, Jose A to Clayton, Warren A, 2/8, $360,000

33 Boston Ter Lot 3, 33 Boston Terrace U3 LLC to Harris, Balfour and Harris, Kimone A, 2/7, $185,000

35 Hollywood Ave, LDR Realty Ventures LLC to Clement, Osbert and Clement, Stephanie, 2/7, $310,000

40 Carroll Ct, Lemos, Valdemir C and Lemos, Andrea A to Tan, Alper B, 2/8, $270,000

104 Victory Ave, GCD Investors LLC to Othello, Shene S, 2/8, $329,000

129-131 Linwood Ave, Oakes, Dondi to Blanc, Yves and Blanc, Kelande J, 2/8, $340,000

152-154 Priscilla St, Sharp, Leonard J to Jones, Shannon, 2/7, $285,000

250 N Bishop Ave Lot 14, Collazo, Carmen to 250 N Bishop Ave Assoc, 2/8, $60,000

260 Success Ave Lot 21, Lattore, Learie to Armijo, Maria E, 2/7, $40,000

291 Broad St Lot 291, Alpert, Matthew to Armstrong, Jennifer A, 2/7, $185,000

305-307 Grovers Ave, Tung, Alice to 305 Grovers LLC, 2/7, $500,000

332 Gurdon St, Castillo, Cristian A and Vera, Vivian to Guerrero, Andres, 2/8, $400,000

566 Burnsford Ave, Andrade, Vincent E to Erazo, Ariel, 2/8, $245,000

850 Atlantic St Lot 511, Palmer, Ben to Lomax, Ranier E, 2/7, $119,000

929 E Main St, Rossitto, Leo to 929-935 E Main St LLC, 2/7, $240,000

1070 Main St, 1070 Hotel LLC to 1070 Main St LLC, 2/7, $6,500,000

1473 Chopsey Hill Rd, 1473 Chopsey Hill LLC to Riverstone Dev LLC, 2/8, $60,000

1685 Central Ave, Klarer, Samantha to Pro Tech Home LLC, 2/8, $70,000

1901 Commerce Dr, Sandoval Enterprises LLC to 1901 Commerce Drive LLC, 2/8, $2,500,000

2625 Park Ave Lot 2A, Yodis, Katherine A to Fako, Mirela, 2/8, $90,000

BRISTOL

Divinity St, Wojewoda, Walter R and Wojewoda, Kathleen H to Strupinski, Andrew, 2/11, $22,000

N/A Lot 6, Grim, Russell P and Grim, Claire to King, Jeffrey, 2/11, $105,000

33 Jacobs St, Bonacia, Joseph to Bristol Boys&Girls Club, 2/8, $320,000

35 Cronin St, Dudzinski, Mary A to Merced-Cotte, Hector L and Merced-Cotte, Brenda I, 2/7, $255,000

41 Maple Ave, Stock, Marissa to Dorosh, Elyse, 2/8, $235,000

41 View St, Dionne, Leo and Dionne, Linda to Martinez, Maricruz, 2/11, $305,000

45 Fairfield St, Gillum, Ryan to Sneed, Christopher and Sneed, Coral, 2/8, $170,000

68 Judson Ave, Hardin, Cody and Hardin, Lorna to Prion, Amber S and Vazquez, Evan, 2/9, $190,000

85 Claire St, Gough, Judith and Biskupiak, Joseph to Botteon, Michael, 2/7, $272,800

103 Butternut Ln Lot 103, Godin, Jackie to Rhee, Taesung, 2/10, $163,500

114 Milton Rd, Carpenter, Nancy and Carpenter, Robert to Piotrowski, Sebastian and Piotrowski, Paige M, 2/9, $230,000

151 Curtiss St, Diversified Props Group to Gubernat, Lukasz and Gubernat, Dorota, 2/8, $245,000

155 Redstone Hill Rd Lot 52, Murray, Marion to Crespo, Jose L, 2/11, $100,000

185 Laurel St, MGM Building LLC to 185 Laurel Street Realty, 2/8, $610,000

188 West St, MGM Building LLC to 185 Laurel Street Realty, 2/8, $610,000

BROOKFIELD

2 Sand Cut Rd Lot 2, 2 Sand Cut Road Brookfiel to Odgen Enterprises LLC, 2/10, $230,000

10 Chickadee Ln, Brackman, Cathay D and Brackman, Agnes to Walk Invest LLC, 2/10, $225,000

18 Twilight Ln, Zenevitch, Denise C to Rekhi, Satinder, 2/7, $396,000

19 Gereg Glenn Rd, Maloku, Adnan and Maloku, Agnieszka to Levy, Thomas and Levy, Nicole, 2/10, $900,000

BROOKLYN

7 Putnam Pl, Pappas Jr, Trent and Pappas, Michelle to Prue 720 LLC, 1/31, $275,000

26 Bush Hill Rd, Buttrey Betty L Est and Prue, Patrick M to Signature Design Hldg LLC, 2/9, $261,000

172 Darby Rd, Laperle, Douglas H and Laperle, Lynn M to Bond, Lois and Charron, Marcel R, 2/10, $325,000

BURLINGTON

76 Nelson Dr, Carrier Home Builders Inc to Kuchyt, Ross M and Angelo, Kristin M, 2/7, $740,191

CANTON

4 Highwood Rd, Williams, Margaret B to Dimauro, Andrew S, 2/7, $340,000

CHESHIRE

Braemar Dr Lot 13, Guelakis, Margaret A to Vachon, Allison D, 2/1, $430,000

Maple Ave Lot 1, Su, Ping and He, Xiahong to Seaquist, Brett and Talmadge, Casandra, 2/2, $400,000

Sott Ln Lot 10, Chapman, Michael J and Chapman, Martha J to Troisi, Theresa, 2/2, $379,000

40 Southwick Ct Lot 209, Decapua, Evelyn V to Deangelis, Christian and Deangelis, Stacey, 2/8, $140,000

195 Edwards Rd, Warner, Elizabeth V to Ardito, Kathleen M and Ardito, Richard A, 2/8, $270,000

212 Farm Meadow Ln, Simione 3rd, William J and Simione, Rose J to Blake, Kevin M and Blake, Karen L, 2/9, $620,000

228 N Rolling Acres Rd, Gallagher, Karen H to Rhoades, Charles, 2/7, $280,000

347 S Brooksvale Rd, Figliola, Patrick M and Figliola, Gail E to Morrison, Adrian and Morrison, Kadian, 2/8, $495,000

791 Coleman Rd, Tripodina LLC to Apex Developers 2 LLC, 2/11, $775,000

CLINTON

Beach Rd, Lise Ann Est and Smith, Roxanne to Hanna, Lawrence and Hanna, Gina, 2/3, $210,000

Clinton Yacht Hvn Lot A30, Clinton Yacht Hvn Dock to Kripps, John, 2/3, $10,500

43 Founders Vlg Lot 43, Mirando T and Mirando, Kenneth P to Alexandrescu, Carol A, 2/10, $230,000

COLCHESTER

4 Esther Ln, Finucane, Terri L and Finucane, Lawrence D to Klepper, Sophie, 2/7, $408,000

220 Middletown Rd, Bendas Stephen J Est and Cartier, Michael G to Segarra, Angel, 2/2, $201,000

237 West Rd, Robida Jr, William J to Belanger, Jesse M and Belanger, Michael R, 2/1, $348,000

COLEBROOK

31 Sandy Brook Rd, Odell, Claire Y to Cadorette, Paige and Wolkowicz, Jordan, 2/7, $247,000

COVENTRY

164 Ripley Hill Rd, Tessier, Carol A to Franzese, Louis J and Gennusa, Samantha M, 2/9, $245,000

340 Merrow Rd, Ledoux, Luke and Freedom Mortgage Corp to Hamilton, Nelson, 2/7, $110,761

702 N River Rd, Ledoux, Paula A to Ward-Ponticelli, Peter and Ponticelli, Ward P, 2/10, $207,000

CROMWELL

3 Priorwood Gdns Lot 3, Norton Frances M Est and Bowman, Bettie A to Sobanski, David B and Matte, Michelle M, 2/8, $484,000

8 Iris Ct, Carrier Group Inc to Madore, Peter M and Cournoyer, Tracey, 2/7, $686,116

95 Evergreen Rd, Treese, William J and Treese, Sarah A to Alvarez, Luis, 2/10, $440,000

651 Main St, Empire Investment LLC to Rutiglan 3rd, Leonard A, 2/7, $310,000

DANBURY

Ward Dr, Bernal, Eusebio to Khan, M Afzal and Akther, Fahmeda, 2/2, $427,000

1 Lawrence Ave Lot 1, Chappell, Donna M to Lackran, Anthony and Lackran, Pamela, 2/9, $450,000

1 Union Ave Lot 6, Rashid, Aabdul to Markaj, Gasper and Markaj, Gjergj, 2/10, $275,000

5 Nabby Rd Lot A8, Omasta, Paul to Jakaj, John, 2/9, $105,000

5 Woodside Ave Lot B13, Kapadia, Amit R and Kapadia, Anita A to Mazariegos, Marcelino, 2/7, $175,000

5-7 Morris St, 308 High Street LLC to Hernandez, Brandon O and Palomino, Aylin A, 2/8, $465,000

5-7 William St, Hogan, Jacqueline A and Hogan, William G to Salazaar, Steven J and Cambrizace, Nataly S, 2/7, $716,050

10 Laura Dr, Shook Jr, Richard A and Shook, Kimberly A to Culhane, Bryan and Chappell, Donna, 2/8, $845,000

11 Scuppo Rd Lot 101, Thomson, Christopher and Thomson, Kathleen to Jia LLC, 2/3, $220,000

12 Boulevard Dr Lot 19-120, Hastings, Raymond I to Campisi, Lynne, 2/8, $375,000

15 Griffing Ave, Abi-Rached, Elie to Varughese, Amanda M and Varughese, Grace, 2/7, $420,000

16 Grove Pl, Meksavanh, Chindavone to Chimbo, Luis A and Chimbo, Rosa M, 2/9, $390,000

19-27 Capitola Rd, Lauermann, Farrol to Lalvay, Mario M and Guayllasaca, Jenny, 2/7, $125,000

21 Old Shelter Rock Rd, Cotes, Juan and Ramirez, Carmen to Tenemaza, Adrian, 2/7, $305,000

22 Grove St, Chauvin James P Est and Chauvin, Lori to Guaman, Pedro, 2/9, $102,000

23 Spring St, Naa Rentals LLC to March, Dean, 2/9, $410,000

24 Grove St, Chauvin James P Est and Chauvin, Lori to Cordova, Martha A and Vivar, Fredy P, 2/9, $340,000

24 High Rise Rd, Mcgetrick, Michael S to 24 High Rise Rd Assoc LLC, 2/10, $85,000

27 Crows Nest Ln Lot 21H, Belli, Daniela E to White, Steven, 2/2, $265,000

27 Crows Nest Ln Lot 18B, Troetti, Mary A to Brito, Nickolas P, 2/10, $233,000

32 Abbott Ave, Lliguizaca, Joe R to Lligui, Maria R and Guallpa, Hernan B, 2/10, $340,000

38 Beaver Brook Rd, City Power Holdings LLC to 38 Beaver Brook Road LLC, 2/2, $625,000

39 Belmont Cir, Perdigoto, Ana T and Perdigoto, Antonio to Mendez, Yahaira, 2/2, $622,000

41 Tamarack Ave Lot 132, Garre, Peter C to Boughton, Mark, 2/10, $315,000

42 Jeanette Rd, Caraballo, Karen to Benalcazar-Ruperto, G C, 2/9, $350,000

42 Kenosia Ave, J A R Associates LLC to DC 7 Properties LLC, 2/10, $3,500,000

54 Austin St, Ngov, Sampho to Hyde, Eric M, 2/10, $235,000

55 Brittania Dr, Cuff Mary L Est and Smith, Edwin O to Correia, Jamie and Correia, Maria A, 2/7, $320,000

55 Mill Plain Rd Lot 31-9, Foy, Kelly A to Lowrie, Victoria, 2/8, $172,000

58 Chestnut St Ext, Raimundo, Madeline and Strickland, Gail to 58 Chestnut LLC, 2/7, $235,000

62 Clapboard Ridge Rd, Elysee, Daniel and Elysee, Kethy M to Islam, Mofiqul and Islam, Tahmina, 2/8, $769,000

85 Padanaram Rd, Mitchell, Marlene D to Ricart, Estephany L and Gomez, Eddy N, 2/7, $325,000

117 Brentwood Cir Lot 117, Toll CT 3 LP to Galan, Jorge A and Munoz, Norme, 2/10, $588,919

118 Federal Rd, Scott FT to Giannone Realty Dev LLC, 2/7, $2,350,000

136 Pembroke Rd Lot 3-26, Lang, Michael and Centuori, Natalie R to Grullon, Pilar, 2/8, $290,000

151 Shelter Rock Rd Lot 64, Roth, Rachel B to Scarlato, David R, 2/2, $240,000

DEEP RIVER

76 W Elm St, Brownlee, Mary E to GH Residential Properties, 2/9, $226,000

92 Main St Lot 234, Hyla, Pauline R to Marcia K Hall RET and Hall, Marcia K, 2/10, $230,000

DERBY

25 High St, Sirochman, Michael to Mcadams, Robert, 2/9, $360,000

40 Indian Ave, Garofalo, Vincent E to Mcguire, John, 2/7, $233,000

68 Cottage St, Brunetti, Christina to Peter, Nightus C, 2/11, $315,000

76 Emmett Ave, Piscitelli Paul J Est and Cirino, Theresa to Lopez, Diallo, 2/8, $325,000

156 Shagbark Dr Lot 156, Albano Maria J Est and Foley, Jobeth to Vaskovich, Katerina, 2/8, $224,000

370-372 Hawthorne Ave, Kudej, Michael to Kinlock, Nicholas, 2/8, $225,000

EAST GRANBY

10 Griffin Rd, Facey, James W and Facey, Jacqueline S to Gogol, Stephen R and Haseltine, Ann, 2/7, $266,000

16 Seymour Rd Lot 18A, USA HUD to Baran, Boguslawa A, 2/7, $110,000

EAST HADDAM

1 Mill Rd, Gaskell, James R and Paniati, Alyssa G to Bjornberg, Philip J, 2/7, $350,000

18 Joe Williams Rd, Gorny, Matthew to Gelinas, David and Gelinas, Stephanie, 2/8, $290,000

27 Great Hillwood Rd, Zarcone, Robert J to Farr, Destiny, 2/8, $413,000

70 River Rd, Wiswell, Karen C and Wiswell, Geoffrey N to Cox, Doris J and Duffy, John L, 2/7, $420,000

256 Town St, Wolfs Den Coop Camp to Wolfs Den CG Spe LLC, 2/9, $6,575,000

EAST HAMPTON

Midwood Farm Rd, Gustine Family LP to Noslen Inc, 2/9, $234,715

EAST HARTFORD

Monroe St, US Bank NA to Dalos&Stern LLC, 2/1, $160,000

1 Fairfield St, Paul&Pamela Gould T and Gould, Pamela to Morris Warehousing LLC, 2/3, $600,000

15 Britt Rd, Salas, Jessica W to Najmi, Ryan B and Snider, Madelyne J, 2/10, $215,000

31 High St Lot 6103, Edwards, Gary to Gallardo Jr, Brian L, 1/31, $115,000

40 Columbus St, Rivera, Frank A to Acosta, Martinez M and Bravo, Elkin O, 2/9, $170,000

49 Andover Rd, Buitrago, Carlos and Lopez, Julia M to Malaver, Monica A, 2/8, $245,000

91 Brookfield Dr, Addington, Robert L to Jackson, Sumpton J, 2/9, $232,000

98 Dartmouth Dr, Oman Barbara H Est and Oman, David E to Colon, Silvano, 2/9, $280,000

102 Shadycrest Dr, Franco Sr, Miguel to Glazier, Alma and Glazler, Michael, 2/7, $197,500

118 Pratt St, GDM Properties LLC to Cyr, Felecia, 2/7, $132,500

130 Skyline Dr, Ace Securities Corp T to Podgorniak, Anna, 1/31, $160,000

142 Wakefield Cir Lot 142, Toce Patricia Est and Gale, John Q to Sundstrom, Jon D, 2/8, $105,000

146 Woodycrest Dr, Rivera, Jaime and Torres, Esther G to Johnson, Marsha N, 2/9, $230,000

225 Lexington Rd, Lange, Sandra L to Leger, Caroline and Snedeker, Dave, 2/7, $370,000

235 E River Dr Lot 1008, Boccaccio, Richard P to Wright, Jean P and Wright, Richard A, 2/7, $185,000

294 Tolland St, Jakes Investments LLC to 294 East Hartford LLC, 2/7, $390,000

361 Forbes St, Lyons, Janet to Meadow Property Inv LLC, 2/9, $135,000

EAST HAVEN

10 Damen Dr, MTGLQ Investors LP to Lemere, Christopher, 2/11, $192,000

27 Redwood Dr Lot G, Molster Sr, Richard W and Molster, Joan S to Brouk, Alla, 2/8, $113,000

63 Brennan St, Dantonio, Livia and Troiano, Anna to Kumm, Matthew R, 2/8, $265,000

65 Burr St, Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc to Rafaeli, Silvio, 2/7, $166,700

87 Hellstrom Rd, Velez, Sonia to Pelaez, Andres A, 2/8, $269,000

409 Burr St, Deutsche Bk Natl T Co Tr to Molina, Ronald, 2/11, $164,850

605 Main St, Rivera, Mary A and Rivera, Carmelo to Burns, Octavius, 2/10, $425,000

1071 N High St, Santiago Jr, Frankie and Aponte, Brenda to Elias, Michelle L, 2/8, $200,000

EAST LYME

27 Rocco Dr, Erne, Adam to Shah, Anish U and Shah, Rhonda L, 2/9, $1,300,000

34 Harvest Gln, Magaldt, Raymond A to Arsenault, Alan N and Arsenault, Anne M, 2/11, $675,000

127 Black Point Rd Lot 5, Haylon, William B and Haylon, Anette S to Dignoti, Mark, 2/7, $115,000

EAST WINDSOR

4 Pasco Dr Lot C, Benson Enterprises Inc to Torres, Lexxus X and Lemieux, Jacob F, 2/7, $165,000

9 Hickory Trl Lot 9, Adamczyk, Debra to Clavette, Linda M and Clavette, Diane M, 2/10, $340,000

10 Maple St Lot 10, Harvey, Kathryn L to Pomerleau, Jason, 2/8, $165,000

EASTON

N/A, Mastri Elizabeth C Est and Presutto, Gaetano to 179 Bunnell Street LLC, 2/7, $210,000

47 Ridgeline Rd, Lucca, Craig to Carneiro, Elivaldo R and Villalba, Jorgelina A, 2/10, $615,000

239 Sport Hill Rd, Gardone, Glenn to Maison Van LLC, 2/8, $392,500

ENFIELD

Abbe Rd, Calcasola, Joanne G to Laliberte, Justin and Donohue, Shannon, 2/4, $375,000

Bailey Rd, Snyder, Sharon A to Kelliher Realty LLC, 2/8, $15,000

Elm St, Malone, Lauren E to Connstrux Inv Group LLC, 2/4, $30,000

6 Burnham St, Mastella Jr, Edward J to Pugliese, Karen, 2/11, $206,000

18 Ganny Ter, Amcell Realty LLC to Gifford, Brett R and Gifford, Brittney M, 2/9, $229,900

18 Holiday Ln, HUD Of Washington DC to Rodriguez, Marcos J, 2/10, $155,000

18 Ridge Rd, Boucher, Deena M to Maldonado, Reynaldo and Deslongchamps, Naomi X, 2/11, $306,000

21 Arthur Ave, Deutsche Bk Natl T Co Tr to Guevara, Kashmi, 2/8, $163,000

26 Quail Holw Lot 26, Starr, Jeffrey R to Calcasola, Joanne G, 2/7, $258,000

30 Wagon Rd, Booth, Kelly A and Cummings, Timothy J to Devaux, Nicholas A and Wojtowicz, Olivia G, 2/7, $250,000

44 Parsons Rd, Jacques, Richard R and Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc to Piccoli, Christopher M, 2/4, $184,000

48 Booth Rd, Dailey, David R to White, Vincent, 2/7, $265,000

75 Hazard Ave Lot M1, Olesen, Rebecca to Wil 77 LLC, 2/7, $105,000

344 Taylor Rd, Plato O Plomo Inc to Serra, Anna, 2/2, $280,000

ESSEX

6 Laurel Rd, 3 Sisters Six Laurel to Fredericks, David and Fredericks, Laura, 2/11, $530,000

11 Ebony Ln, Morse, Nadine C to Wotherspoon Jr, James A and Groat, Lauren C, 2/10, $386,000

15 Townwoods Rd, Dessereaux, Justin B and Dessereaux, Lauren A to Daigle Jr, Andrew V and Daigle, Christine G, 2/11, $565,000

FAIRFIELD

29 Pierce St, Tanzer, Tara to Mazza, Robert and Childs-Mazza, Morgan, 2/7, $640,000

37 Bibbins Ave, True You Design&Dev LLC to Schwartz, Stephanie, 2/9, $500,000

42 Victoria Ct, Quinn, H Joanna and Quinn, Thomas C to Perera, Ian, 2/9, $1,525,000

51 London Ter, Kingsley, Steven H and Kingsley, Margarita to George, Nicholas C and George, Pamela L, 2/8, $575,000

63 Henry St, Wakefield, Susan to Litman, Bryan and Litman, Claudine, 2/7, $650,000

77 Boroskey Rd Lot 77, Duca, Anabella to Takacs, Thomas M, 2/7, $349,900

108 Colonese Rd, Allegri Norma Est and Christie, Ann M to Gurney, Dean J, 2/11, $475,000

108 Southport Ter, Salerno Realty LLC to Lalli, Michael and Lalli, Marigrace, 2/9, $1,285,000

145 Old Stratfield Rd, Bozhulich, Sergey and Uvarova, Tetyana to Vitucci, John and Infante, Antonia, 2/7, $547,000

163 Knapps Hwy Lot 163, Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc to Heins, Erica, 2/11, $293,000

225 Home Fair Dr, Nagy, Kim E to Selemeneva, Anastasia and Papamanthou, Charalampos, 2/8, $475,000

240 Sunnyridge Ave Lot 114, Fabrizi, Lisa to Paixao, Nicole and Paixao, Fatima, 2/8, $300,000

1115 Black Rock Tpke Lot 1115, Brousseau, Jeffrey F to Buck, Kathleen and Rahman, Mahmudur, 2/7, $315,000

1353 Brooklawn Ave, Carlos, Richard and Magura, Maryellen to Hernandez, Antonio, 2/9, $360,000

FARMINGTON

13 Willow Ln Lot 146A, Ehrlich, Robert and Ehrlich, Debra to Kasowitz, Sherry, 2/1, $290,000

139 Tunxis Vlg Lot 139, Borden, Benjamin F and Borden, Mary E to Scaritt, Susan D, 2/1, $347,500

GLASTONBURY

4 Suffolk Rd Lot 4, Lawrence FT and Lawrence, Richard A to Zafiris, Theodore, 2/11, $345,000

35 Brewster Rd Lot B, Geraldine A Glazier RET and Glazier, Geraldine A to Ahmad, Shadan, 2/9, $120,000

72 Wassuc Rd, Tongren, Drew F to Stoddard, Michael and Stoddard, Lynda, 2/11, $92,500

1285 Neipsic Rd, Ranganathan, Venkat and Kalyanam, Sripriya to Parisi, Daniel and Tsui, Stephanie, 2/7, $750,000

GOSHEN

11-A Ashley Dr, Letalien, Jeffrey A to Raynis Jr, Allan V and Raynis, Caroline A, 2/10, $65,000

32 Pond Ridge Rd, Dogpond Realty LLC to Aurora Gajilan RET and Gajilan, Aurora, 2/10, $140,000

GRANBY

23 Glen Rd, Tetreault, Philip A and Tetreault, Stephanie A to Blake, Allen and Blake, Erica, 2/7, $289,000

90 W Granby Rd, Escuderos-Lopez, David to Kucia, Sean R and Cox, Jeannette E, 2/7, $270,000

477 Salmon Brook St, Hood, Jonathan and King, Marilyn A to Hirsch, Solomon and Manley, Raquel N, 2/7, $280,000

GREENWICH

1 W Putnam Ave, Kramer, David S to Shore Cap RE Partners Fnd, 2/11, $3,700,000

4 Field Point Crest Cmn Lot 1, Woodruff, John T and Woodruff, Mallory H to Silverman, Cody, 2/8, $2,700,000

15 Corrigan Ln, Degarmeaux, Jeanette to Park, Edward, 2/10, $1,600,000

15 Laub Pond Rd, Lynch Robert S Est and Corso, Robert to Chen, Yifang, 2/11, $2,450,000

26 Shady Brook Ln, Creidy, Joyce and Kairouz, Charbel to Lambert, Amanda and Shea, Christopher, 2/9, $1,775,000

28 Byram Terrace Dr, Larocca, Antonio to Donahue, Charles R and Donahue, Nicole, 2/7, $985,000

41 Birchwood Dr, Bahl, Alisa L and Bahl, Tracy L to Bakula, Paul E and Rothong, Jacqueline M, 2/11, $4,000,000

60 Morningside Dr, Lutzel, Bruce C and Lutzel, John T to Walko, David and Walko, Melissa, 2/8, $850,000

86 Howard Rd, Durrell Ernestine B Est and Durrell, Stewart to Oostdijk, Jan K and Rutgers, George, 2/9, $720,230

169 Mason St Lot 2J, Balestrino, Elsa and Fabiani, Carla to Coursen, Lauren, 2/8, $320,000

299 Hamilton Ave Lot 1, Haymon, Timothy to Murka, Melinda and Vadkertl, Kornel, 2/7, $488,000

459 Stanwich Rd, Capalbo Electra M Est and Capalbo 2nd, Joseph J to Merrill, Joan, 2/9, $1,375,000

1385 E Putnam Ave, 1385 East Putnam Ave LLC to East Putnam Medical LLC, 2/11, $1,804,000

GROTON

170 Route 12, Cushman, Eugene C to At Last LLC, 2/8, $415,000

GUILFORD

50 Sylvan Hills Rd, Volkmar, Kevin J to Vanderburg, Arne S and Vanderburg, Janet S, 2/10, $497,000

61 Mohawk Trl Lot 61, Hopkins Lindsey B Est and Hopkins, Catherine W to Iannotti, James A, 2/11, $175,000

95 High Meadow Rd, Thain, Vivian A to Gavigan, Ryan D and Gavigan, Kathleen G, 2/9, $375,000

96 Glenwood Dr, Hemming, Barbara J to 96 Glenwood Drive LLC, 2/3, $245,000

174 Twin Bridge Rd, Miller, Shane A and Miller, Mark M to Glassbrook, Kevin and Glassbrook, Kimberlee, 2/7, $355,000

190 Peddlers Rd, FJ Corsini 2 LLC to Strobl, Craig R and Kovacs, Bernadett, 2/2, $904,050

270 Race Hill Rd, Linton, Roseann to Ness, Alexander and Oconnor, Ashley, 2/7, $915,000

900 Hoop Pole Rd, Dudley Foundation Inc to Hayes, Matthew and Hayes, Zoe L, 2/8, $417,475

2065 Long Hill Rd, F Vigliotti Const Co LLC to Earl, Vicki, 2/9, $419,286

2514 Boston Post Rd Lot R5, US Bank NA Tr to Knott, Simon, 2/8, $176,275

HADDAM

17 Depot Hill Rd, Znelli, Michael J and Zanelli, Robert C to Wilson, Randi and Ziegler, Matthew, 2/7, $299,000

HARTFORD

N/A, Brown, Lorenzo to Brown, Shamona M, 2/10, $140,000

15 Hanmer St, Investment Lima 88 LLC to Roman, Julianne I and Roman-Vega, Carmen J, 2/9, $230,000

16 Grant St, Saporoso, Carmine and Saporoso, Eugenia to Open Sea Hldg LLC, 2/7, $55,000

16-20 Townley St Lot D3, Beeler, Daniel J to Reichman, Hirsch, 2/7, $45,000

19 Florence St Lot 2, Vega, Samuel and TLF Natl Tax Lien T 2017 to Tulloch, Paul D, 2/9, $41,050

28-30 Sterling St, Campbell, Sebastian to Cameron, Alecia B, 2/7, $305,000

30 Roslyn St, Amaning, John A to Gamble, Alvin, 2/9, $230,000

31 Woodland St Lot 5E, Kothari, Sharad to Lettieri, Lisa, 2/8, $125,000

34-36 Lisbon St, Evans, Sebert to Gallasso Jr, Peter, 2/9, $360,000

50 Yale St, Machial, Edward to Nunez, Jovanny F, 2/8, $245,000

52-54 Catherine St, Ben Naim, Yoram to Shelley Shabazz Ent LLC, 2/8, $312,000

64 Ashley St, Ben Naim, Yoram to Mathurin, Yves, 2/10, $224,000

80 Hawthorn St, Nina Properties LLC to Rosario, Lillybell D, 2/9, $245,000

109 Cumberland St, Gonzalez, Sara to Molina Jr, Kenneth and Serrano, Joann M, 2/7, $250,000

112-114 Campfield Ave, Rodriguez, Julio A and Rodriguez, Jenny A to Palomo, Federico, 2/9, $288,000

114-116 Vine St, Urban Hope Inc to Wallen, Garth, 2/8, $32,000

130-132 Shultas Pl, Rodriguez, Gloria to Mahadeo, Jagat, 2/7, $309,000

141 Brown St, Guthrie, Darlene R to Small, Derrick, 2/9, $168,900

141-143 Ashley St, Blake Sr, Silvan A and Blake, Cyriline D to Ruiz, Genesis C and Lizardo, Paula E, 2/8, $250,000

143 Lawrence St, Rozenshteyn, Eugene to DST Const&Dev LLC, 2/9, $153,000

240-242 South St, Paz, Delia M to Araujo, Roger A, 2/7, $185,000

377-379 Hillside Ave, Cruz, Jose A to Castellano, Yoldan and Cornejal, Jackelin, 2/9, $340,000

611-613 Wethersfield Ave, Ama 3 Properties LLC to Gil, Ana J and Gil, Manuel, 2/7, $295,000

726-734 Windsor St, Giles, Juanita to Femi&-Frizziano LLC, 2/8, $100,000

869-881A New Britain Ave, Saporoso, Carmine and Saporoso, Eugenia to Open Sea Hldg LLC, 2/7, $820,000

1037 Capitol Ave, Albano, John to Hartford Brick LLC, 2/9, $400,000

1037 Capitol Ave, J&A Equities LLC to Albano, John, 2/9, $350,000

HARWINTON

43 Millbrook Ln, Glassburn, Matthew and Glassburn, Kelley to Cahill, Hugh, 2/7, $500,000

202 Whetstone Rd, Colangelo, John M to Wilson, Forrester G, 2/9, $311,500

229 Hill Rd, Trykowski, Andrew W and Trykowski, Chung H to Damore, Ryan and Damore, Jennifer, 2/7, $575,000

HEBRON

8 Gilbert Ln Lot 8, Mcgrail, Zachary to Miller, Neil A and Miller, Remedios, 2/7, $375,000

27 Scarboro Rd, Tangarone, Ashlee and Gonzalez, Sylvia to Dube, Dustin R, 2/9, $331,000

194 Deepwood Dr, Pantschenko, Jayne M to Stewart, Timothy D and Stewart, Jessica, 1/31, $526,001

481 Jones Hollow Rd, Karevelis, Shawn A and Karvelis, Dina M to Dowling, Gary V and Dpwling, Susan, 2/8, $410,000

KENT

80 N Main St Lot 29, Richards, Noble F and Richards, Elizabeth K to Sawyers Holdings LLC, 2/11, $250,000

KILLINGLY

16 Saint James Row, B&G Real Estate Inv LLC to Sujdak, Matthew and Stone, Amanda L, 2/8, $320,000

16 Shumway Ave, Lagassey, Jared to Bent, Gregory R, 2/11, $179,000

19 Dyer St, Mcclure 3rd, Jay C to Boucher, Daniel, 2/9, $235,000

41 Waterman St, Dionisopoulos Marcina Est and Dionisopoulos, A I to Ford Jr, Richard P and Roche, Ashley K, 2/7, $128,000

41 Waterman St, Dionisopoulos Marcina Est and Dionisopoulos, A I to Ford Jr, Richard P and Roche, Ashley K, 2/7, $128,000

61 Boys Ave, Garrepy, Donald and Garrepy, Annette to Ellis, Christopher, 2/10, $216,000

104 North St, Whiteley, Tina M and Livernoche, Cheryl A to Zadziejko, Kenneth P and Knox, Deborah, 2/7, $175,000

153 Burlingame Rd, Hutchins, Anne M and US Bank NA to Rutkin, Titian, 2/8, $206,000

664 Bailey Hill Rd, Tomovick, Barbara M to Merrill Jr, Bernard A and Rose, Nicholas C, 2/9, $194,900

LEDYARD

5 Vinegar Hill Rd, Lightle, Laura to Wierzbowski, Robert K, 2/7, $199,900

13 Flat Brook Ct, Green Falls Associates to Malhotra, Priya, 2/9, $281,117

1742 Route 12 Lot 1E, Demarco, David to Wing, David M, 2/10, $115,000

LITCHFIELD

74 Vanderpoel Ave, Haas, Paul M to Leybrag, Faye F and Menard, Josh, 2/9, $417,000

342 South St, Perretti, Leslie J to Fritch, Robert, 2/11, $360,000

401 Hunter Dr Lot 401, Roeske, Michael C and Roeske, Danielle K to Rupenski, Michael C and Rupenski, Nancy D, 2/10, $575,000

401 Hunter Dr Lot 401, Roeske, Danielle K and Roeske, Michael C to Rupenski, Nancy D and Rupenski, Victor, 2/9, $575,000

MANSFIELD

Coventry Rd Lot 3, Willard J Stearns&Sons to Galey, James, 2/11, $130,000

13 White Oak Condo Lot D, Park, Sunhee to 9 Kent Court Ashford LLC, 2/9, $75,000

34 Circle Dr, Quesnel, Jamie to Seiders, Megan, 2/7, $224,900

78 Independence Dr Lot 78, Vinsonhaler C I 3rd Est and Vinsonhaler, Charles I to Tarricone, Diane, 2/11, $195,000

97 Knowlton Hill Rd, Rafferty, Terrence J and Rafferty, Diane E to Camilli, Stephen J and Torres-Decol, Maria V, 2/7, $405,000

MARLBOROUGH

New Hartford Tpke Lot 3, Advantage Properties LLC to Flats On Main LLC, 2/8, $187,000

21 Roberts Rd, Qureshi, Mohammad A and Qureshi, Saleha A to Canty, Michael and Livesey, Megan, 2/7, $354,000

22 Edstrom Rd, Coolbeth, Keith J and Mosnegutu, Ana M to Shorey, Patrick and Shorey, Mihra, 2/8, $675,000

81 South Rd, Castro, Fernando and Castro, Elaine D to Wood, Crystal M and Wood, Mark R, 2/9, $440,000

481 Jones Hollow Rd, Karevelis, Shawn A and Karvelis, Dina M to Dowling, Gary V and Dowling, Susan, 2/8, $410,000

MERIDEN

N/A, Velez Jr, Abraham and Ponce, Samaly K to Davis, Megan K, 2/8, $152,000

8 Lockwood St, Brightpath Associates LLC to Cortes, Jomar, 2/8, $209,000

20 N 2nd St, Figueroa, Marcia and Santiago, Dee-Ana M to Gonzalez, Melissa, 2/7, $165,000

29 Elliott St, Mello, Norma E to Matthews, Wilona M, 2/11, $205,000

46 Clearview Ave, Biehl, John and Biehl, Marilynn to Labbe, Valerie, 2/11, $230,000

54 Maple St, 54 Maple LLC to Zavala, Deana, 2/9, $200,000

73 Detroit Ave, Timberland Construction to Touch, Samath, 2/7, $968,000

76 Lincoln St, 404 Center St Holdings to CT Center Street Hldg LLC, 2/8, $400,000

106 Woodland St, Gaines, James K and Klotzberger, Robin to Zuniga-Rosas, Roger, 2/7, $263,000

130 E Main St, Hyman, David B to 130 East Main LLC, 2/8, $425,000

136 Windsor Ave, 404 Center St Holdings to CT Center Street Hldg LLC, 2/8, $395,000

142 Metacomet Dr Lot 142, Parisi, Marco E to White, James and White, Angela, 2/8, $237,500

167 Edgemark Acres, Alwang, Gregory C and Alwang, Roseann to Chowdhury, Golam M, 2/10, $660,000

293 Wall St, Quinn, Michael D to Carr, Rudolph and Carr, Georgette, 2/7, $229,000

311 Yale Ave, USA HUD to Gonzalez, Chelsea, 2/10, $163,300

356 Spring St, May, Jonathan and Tabor, Richard to Cardwell, Michael, 2/10, $230,000

404 Center St, 404 Center St Holdings to CT Center Street Hldg LLC, 2/8, $415,000

465 Crown St Lot 206, Ong, Min J to Springhill Commons Of Mer, 2/7, $66,000

525 Crown St Lot 129, Ong, Min J to Fairfield Real Estate Dev, 2/9, $74,900

560 Yale Ave Lot 95, Bruton, Daniel to Frnak, Michael and Frank, Susanne, 2/9, $150,000

MIDDLEBURY

Park Rd Ext, Chart Properties Limited to Middlebury Land T Inc, 2/8, $100,000

17 Townsend St, Osborn, Katy and Osborn, Isaac to Murphy, Kelly, 2/8, $212,500

91 Strathmore Rd, Faryniarz Judith A Est and Faryniarz, Joseph R to Zinsser, Eric W and Zinsser, Catherine, 2/7, $435,000

MONROE

30 E Village Rd, Anderson, Norman J to Mastersanti, Donald, 2/9, $64,000

228 Webb Cir, Oshaughnessy, Michael and Oshaughnessy, Laura to Zurek, Mark and Zurek, Elisabeth A, 2/8, $580,000

NAUGATUCK

5 Gorman St, Alletzhauser, William P and Alletzhauser, Deborah M to Oconnor, Jessica R and Oconnor, Tina L, 2/9, $209,000

7 Rollingwood Dr, Morgan Dev Corp to Levey, Chaz and Levey, Lauren, 2/9, $390,000

17 Rain Dance Cir, Marin, Pierina M to Kaplan, Aaron and Kaplan, Lisa, 2/8, $307,500

34 Calvin St, Ataide, Waldez P to Conceicao, Ivan D, 2/9, $104,000

39 Horton Hill Rd Lot 9C, Howard, Portia to Lattore, Learie S, 2/8, $129,000

40 Carroll St, Rood, Russell H to Vasquez, Eridania, 2/9, $235,000

41 Allerton Rd, Kalinowski, Ronald J and Kalinowski, Ronald to Baah, Alfred and Baah, Ruth, 2/8, $330,000

54 Golden Hill St, Joyce, Jeremy to Jean, Noel J, 2/8, $362,500

63 Carriage Dr, Chung, Ana to Castro, Mayra, 2/8, $265,000

69 Ridge Rd Lot 6, Tautic, Jayson to Idrizi, Gerhard, 2/8, $110,000

78 Church St, Lloyd Properties LLC to Miglee LLC, 2/9, $225,000

91 Krodel Rd, Ventre, Nicola and Ventre, Marie E to Mckenney, James and Mckenney, Patricia, 2/9, $23,000

101 Ridge Rd Lot 7, Melendez, Diana to Paul, Jesse, 2/8, $115,000

128 Sunburst Rd, Sirochman, Michael to Gingras Jr, Richard C and Gingras, Katelynn M, 2/11, $300,000

641 High St, AFP&Sons Const Co LLC to Castiello, Amy A, 2/9, $325,000

1081 New Haven Rd Lot 13F, Hutchinson, Angela to Liang, Kai and Liang, Chung Y, 2/10, $120,000

NEW CANAAN

86 South Ave, Becraft Mary Ann Est and Lane, Abigail to Resource 360 LLC, 2/1, $865,000

123 Hemlock Hill Rd, Towbin, Scott and Towbin, Nancy to Cushman, Susan and Cushman, Philip, 1/31, $4,025,000

719 Weed St, Hoeft, Kirby and Hoeft, Jana to Lange, Casey and Lange, Brian, 2/1, $2,371,415

NEW FAIRFIELD

Charcoal Ridge Rd W, Brown Antoinette M Est and Brown, Pamela to Giuliano, Jeffrey, 2/8, $391,000

NEW HARTFORD

Town Hill Rd, Schiffert, Linda and Schiffert, Roger J to Serendipity Shire LLC, 2/8, $182,000

NEW HAVEN

10 Daisy St, Blam Properties LLC to Dash Jr, Jason, 2/10, $310,000

14 Lyon St, Nadeau, Marc P to Barbara Alice LLC, 2/8, $1,087,500

33 Long Hill Ter, Brasseaux, Ryan A and Brasseaux, Jessika D to Rodriguez, Lazaro, 2/11, $235,000

45 Sheffield Ave, Perry, Marcus W to Denney, Matthew G and Takasugi, Lara M, 2/8, $240,000

47 Sheffield Ave, Perry, Marcus W to Denney, Matthew G and Takasugi, Lara M, 2/8, $240,000

76 Atwater St, Velazquez, Vanessa to Scotch, Rachel, 2/11, $289,900

81 Fountain Ter, Biggins, Rosalyn to Moore, Howard and Sheppard, Michelle, 2/8, $250,000

86 Front St Lot 86, Naranjo, Megan C to Roberson, Pamela, 2/8, $109,900

118 Lamberton St, Cordero, George and Cordero, Eneida to Delgado, Ilyssa, 2/7, $160,000

132 Elizabeth Ann Dr, Bustamante-Merchan, M to Chuquilla-Tasinchano, R A, 2/8, $358,000

133 Fountain St Lot A3, Montague, Richard to Tolliver, Kathleen M, 2/9, $115,000

174 Weybosset St, Cargill, Darryl to Davis, Shannakey and Barnett, Ikeelia, 2/7, $245,000

184 Chatham St, Moreno, Diomedes A to Champlain, Melissa, 2/11, $380,000

186 Chatham St, Moreno, Diomedes A to Champlain, Melissa, 2/11, $380,000

194 Saltonstall Ave, Rodriguez, Alexander to Kang-Cheng, Kwong, 2/7, $215,000

228 Kimberly Ave, Guzman, Santos V to Paz, Jose B, 2/8, $365,000

240 Bradley St, Parri, Brian to BVT 6 LLC, 2/9, $925,000

337 Mckinley Ave, Speiller, Lenny H and Wevers, Kara L to Higgins-Chen, Mary C and Higgins-Chen, Tzongyang A, 2/11, $596,500

409 Burr St, Deutsche Bk Natl T Co Tr to Molina, Ronald, 2/11, $164,850

561 Quinnipiac Ave, Quinones, Leonel to Sutherland, Drew J, 2/9, $411,500

570 Whitney Ave Lot J3, Yarom, Ilan and

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Yarom, Mina to Zhou, Xiao, 2/8, $157,500

NEW LONDON

20 Walker St, Marrs, Charles J and Marrs, Kelly K to Integrity Hldg Group LLC, 2/10, $141,000

174 Bank St, 174 LLC to VRE CT1 174 Bk St LLC, 2/10, $225,000

281 Gardner Ave Lot I5, Chan, H Karen to Topi, Naime and Topi, Ylber, 1/28, $83,900

333 Ocean Ave, May, Brigid C to Aguilar, David E, 2/9, $313,000

665 Broad St, Cushman, Eugene C to At Last LLC, 2/2, $450,000

878 Bank St, Wescovich, Keith to Decourcey, William, 1/25, $232,000

NEW MILFORD

2 Perry Dr, Comer, Thomas R to Marcinko, George J, 2/8, $237,000

2 Shadow Ln, Hasse Marlene A Est and Woodin, Thomas to Fry, Richard, 2/3, $32,900

3 Van Car Rd, Castillo, Alexander to Mckenney, Shane and Mckenney, Ashley B, 2/11, $396,000

7 Farmview Dr, Morrison Jr, Lewis R and Morrison, Valerie J to Fafard, Claudia M and Fafard, Jeremy M, 2/8, $640,000

10 Big Bear Hill Rd, Easton, Edward D to 5 Minutes Constr Corp, 2/10, $230,000

16 Mockingbird Ln, Franconia RE Services Inc to Doyle, Eric J and Doyle, Leanna L, 2/7, $525,000

22 Sullivan Farm Lot 22, Mannion, Kenrik A to Soss, Shirley A, 2/10, $295,000

23 Chinmoy Ln, Czupkowski, Travis R to Flores, Yolanda and Flores, Agustin, 2/9, $439,000

36 Aspetuck Ave, Cinq Mars Roy H Est and Halkiotis, Althena to Sanchez, Andrew, 2/11, $340,000

45 West St Lot 2, Dardis, Mary to Gaiser, John C and Gaiser, Joyce R, 2/8, $100,000

51 Webatuck Rd, Mill Brothers LLC to Sciortino, Loriann and Sciortino, Steven, 2/7, $398,000

73 Sullivan Farm Lot 73, Roberts, Gina M to Elberg, Barry, 2/3, $400,000

133 Candlewood Mountain Rd, Kelly, Charles and Kelly, Lori A to Mershon, Jason, 2/8, $365,000

246 Willow Spgs Lot 246, Grenier, Jonathan J and Roy, Angela L to Ford Jr, James A and Marino, Giovanna D, 2/8, $210,000

307 Wellsville Ave Lot 3, Heydet, Carol to Ramirez, Angela, 2/8, $160,000

NEWTOWN

6 Winter Ridge Rd, Conrad Corelli RET and Curran, Linda A to Lugo, Brian, 2/4, $805,000

11 Kay Ln, Grasso, Amy L and Trubiano, Meghan to Mantione, Thomas E, 2/7, $295,000

23 Scudder Rd, Smith Jr, Stephen B and Kershaw-Smith, Barbara A to Taylor, Shawn and Taylor, Amy, 2/7, $325,720

32 Enclave Cir Lot 32, Toll Northeast 5 Corp to Kevin J Hall RET and Hall, Kevin J, 2/3, $865,986

1013 Brookside Ct Lot 1013, Zlamany, Carl J and Zlamany, Elizabeth A to Obrien, Jim and Obrien, Jane, 2/2, $372,000

NORTH BRANFORD

1910 Middletown Ave, Raffone, Paul and Raffone, Sherriann to Rusconi, Scott J and Rusconi, Mary, 2/8, $135,000

NORTH HAVEN

8 Hitching Post Cir, Baszak, Bernard and Baszak, Susan to Cushing, Craig and Cushing, Shannon, 2/9, $650,000

9 Collett St, Lyons, Marilyn V to Bowers Family RET and Bowers, James C, 2/7, $310,000

11 Saint John St Lot C11, Cameron, Scott F to Walaliyadda, Anuruddha and Clogher, Paula, 2/7, $245,000

15 Don Mar Ct, Daddio, Debra A to Vaka, Venkata N, 2/10, $380,000

50 Allen Rd, Mcdonald, John W to Berthel, Bruce, 2/7, $260,000

51 Sentinel Hill Rd, Coppola, Jeanette M to Lew, Jun, 2/9, $385,000

NORTH STONINGTON

N/A, Bisset, Caleb D and Bisset-Browne, Amanda to Messina, Frank, 2/11, $110,000

9 Starlight Ln, Brooks Elizabeth B Est and Walsh, Roslyn M to Townsend, Jonathan, 2/11, $228,500

237 Clarks Falls Rd, Stafford, Brian J to Nassee Jr, John and Gaudlap, Christine, 2/8, $352,000

NORWALK

Leslie Ln, Kurche, Grace to Mead, Christopher and Mead, Sarah, 2/8, $1,110,000

1 Ravenwood Rd, Bernadel, Jhumy to Danna, Christopher F, 2/9, $661,000

4 Beechwood Rd, Grimaldi, Anthony and Grimaldi, Amy K to Caporal, Sandra, 2/10, $500,000

5 Sheila Ct, Mercado, Neil M and Mercado, Zoraida M to Wilkinson, Deniece, 2/10, $480,000

10 Howard Ave, Kilcoyne, Monica F to Dbi Development LLC, 2/10, $400,000

13 Chester St, Andreoli, Carol A and Andreoli Jr, Peter D to Simone Development LLC, 2/7, $125,000

14 Pequot Dr, Darcy, Matthew and Darcy, Marybeth K to Dupont, Jennifer and Broker, Koen, 2/10, $979,000

15 Little Fox Ln, Mola, Joseph J to Snodgrass, Michelle, 2/10, $760,000

15 Pine Point Rd Lot 65, Packer, Jeffrey R and Packer, Margaret R to Johnson, Randal and Johnson, Alicia, 2/11, $115,000

15 Pine Point Rd Lot 224, Swanson, Irene C to Noe, Michelle and Noe, Eric, 2/9, $115,000

16 Nathan Hale Dr, Vaughn, Carol to 16 NHCT LLC, 2/9, $5,400,000

19 Hayes Ave, Malagisi, John W to Garner, Charles J, 2/9, $312,500

25 Glenrock Lot 25, Wendy G Umla T and Umla, Wendy G to Carvajal, Carmen and Carvajal, Marco, 2/9, $380,000

37 Bayne St, Mapley, David J and Alessio, Philip V to Kalecci, Qame and Kalecci, Roland, 2/9, $565,000

45 Maple St Lot 3K, Haessig Joan M Est and Mercurio, Shawn to Wang, Zhiyi and Tang, Shu M, 2/9, $155,000

69 Maple St, Marin, Carlos R to Vance, Robert and Vance, Chunling H, 2/7, $492,000

82 Perry Ave, Demarco, Robert to Almazon, Hugo, 2/11, $432,000

89 William St, Kehle, Grace M to Meuchner, Dermot and Meuchner, Susan, 2/8, $706,000

149 Water St Lot 3, Greenspan, Marshall to Cody RE Enterprises LLC, 2/7, $180,000

NORWICH

16 Robbins Ct, Norwich City Of to Alarcon, Victoriano, 2/3, $86,000

34-36 Sherman St, HLS Developments LLC to Formiglio, Anthony, 2/7, $42,500

35 Connecticut Ave, 35 CT Avenue Realty Inc to 35 CT Ave LLC, 2/2, $365,000

35 Lambert Dr, Henderson, Christopher to Bennett, Derek T, 2/3, $225,000

178 Maple St, Pennenga, Christopher J to Delaney, Thurston C, 2/8, $255,000

433 E Main St, Chan, Ping L to Garcia, Maribel L, 2/9, $140,000

527 W Thames St Lot 65, Chen, Su to Rodriguez, Natasha M, 2/10, $170,000

OLD SAYBROOK

Shepard St, Odell, Dawn R to Odell, Brian D, 2/7, $34,500

Shepard St, Ide, Deborah R to Odell, Brian D and Odell, Jessica N, 2/7, $34,500

18 Thompson Ln, Felie, Paul H and Felie, Barbara J to Litevich, Patricia and Litevich, Gary, 2/10, $400,000

110 Great Hammock Rd, Schultz, Glen J and Schultz, Colleen M to Pisani Sr, Thomas W and Pisani, Joanne M, 2/10, $368,000

ORANGE

59 Lakeside Dr Lot 59, Oak Tree Development LLC to Wayne, Ann and Wayne, Nicole C, 2/8, $325,595

980 Old Coach Rd, Marchetti, Eugene J to Burns, Eric and Nichols Burns, Stephanie, 2/11, $790,000

OXFORD

18 White Gate Rd, Thorne, Anthony Z and Cummings, Suzanne to Uzwiak, Ron, 2/7, $385,000

294 Governors Hill Rd, Depalmer FT and Depalmer, Margaret E to Fredericks, Adam J and Fredericks, Nicole E, 2/11, $450,000

PLAINFIELD

3 Grace Ln Lot 3, Moosup River Estates LLC to Boucher, Jeanne I, 2/10, $380,616

81 Colonial Rd, Sanborn, Janice to Mountford, Caroline, 2/9, $148,000

PLAINVILLE

36 Hemingway St, Bosco, Michael to REICM LLC, 2/8, $114,000

246 Woodford Ave Lot 5, Colson, Kenneth S and Colson, Leila J to Mavani LLC, 2/8, $135,000

PLYMOUTH

4 Scott Rd, Maynard, Charles to Blackwell, Brandon E, 2/10, $229,000

34 Beach Ave, Natzke Jr, Robert C and Natzke, Margaret N to Echevarria, John, 2/9, $230,000

POMFRET

Route 97, Wolchesky, John A and Wolchesky, Patricia L to Campbell, Thomas M and Cadiz, Cris E, 2/8, $230,000

42 Wade Rd, Walsh, James P and Jeane, Jacqueline L to Cleary, Robert E and Cleary, Nancy S, 2/9, $100,000

PORTLAND

1 Brush Pasture Ln Lot 119, Hamel, Suzanne G to Flagg, Donna, 2/7, $141,000

PRESTON

520 Shetucket Tpke, Aldrih Jr, Nelson W and Aldrich, Denise L to Pollock, Shane J, 2/8, $170,000

PROSPECT

27 Holley Ln, Luth, Shelly to Oconnell, Christopher and Piorkowski, Sarah, 2/8, $108,000

PUTNAM

6 Wilkinson St, Jacquet, Jean H and Jacquet, Elizabeth Y to Johnson, Nigel and Tanguay, Linda, 2/7, $230,000

17 Intervale St, Fanning Carol A Est and Clinton, Donna S to Deary, Peter D and Lane, Kimberly J, 2/8, $140,000

99-103 Smith St, Deal House Cap Fund 1 LLC to Dasilva, Eliandro and Ficher, Ana, 2/10, $165,000

REDDING

10 Musket Ln, Reinhardt Jr, Henry E to Rech, Timothy and Rech, Hillary, 2/7, $650,000

159 Gallows Hill Rd, Cucharale, April M to Solis, Luis A and Solis, Almudena C, 2/7, $805,000

551 Redding Rd, Rizzo Gilberto Est and Pearlstein, David to Mcnamara Jr, James M, 2/10, $640,000

RIDGEFIELD

25 Weir Farm Ln, Connord, John T and Connord, Mary A to Jacobson, Daniel and Jacobson, Jaymie, 2/8, $1,325,000

26 North St, Oltman, Kelsie to Reller, Peggy, 2/8, $540,000

62 Crescent Dr, Rapp, Michelle to Koppisetti, Suresh and Koppisetti, Sangeeta, 2/9, $650,000

90 Sleepy Hollow Rd, Salamon, Marciej and Salamon, Malgorzata to Schas, Byrd and Chaskes, Peter, 2/10, $845,000

95 Branchville Rd, 95 Branchville Rd LLC to Beebe, Elizabeth B, 2/7, $1,950,000

109 Soundview Rd, Hawley, Ana R to Hjelme T and Hjelme, Carl, 2/9, $1,255,000

ROCKY HILL

8 Concord Dr Lot 8, Basu, Rajdeep to Chen, Wei B, 2/8, $172,000

9 Carillon Dr Lot D, Schwabe, Caitlin to LKM 65 LLC, 2/10, $117,000

19 Robbins Ln Lot C, Feltes, Thomas and Feltes, Katherine to Rrumbullaku, Alfred, 2/4, $95,000

30 Winesap Cir Lot 30, Simeone, Rebecca D to Hendrickson, Danelle and Hendrickson, Howard E, 2/8, $225,000

41 Stepney Cir, Pawson Point LLC to Miller, Michael R, 2/8, $221,690

53 Carillon Dr Lot B, Mujo, Simon and Mujo, Tranda to Poka, Alket and Poka, Enkeleda, 2/8, $170,000

247 Meadow Rd, Dirgo, Nancy A to 247 Meadow Rd LLC, 2/7, $390,000

302 Limner Cir Lot 302, Sharma, Deepak to Bachand, Chad G, 2/4, $275,000

ROXBURY

546 High Ridge Rd, Haynes, Marianne B to Grabowski, Whitney and Grabowski, Jonathon, 2/3, $1,100,000

SALEM

85 Sullivan Rd, Tracey, Mary E to Delaney, John and Lynch, Seana, 2/10, $310,000

SALISBURY

Under Mountain Rd, H L Kimmel Dispositive T and Kaufman, Andrew H to Chappuis, Jacques and Chappuis, Sofia, 2/7, $1,150,000

SEYMOUR

3 Rocky Glen St, Grusz, Walter to Murtishi, Zaim, 2/7, $190,000

29 Moss Ave Lot 6, Love, Lainey to Bonn, Loubna M, 2/11, $202,000

30 Church St, Hu, Jessica H to Martin, Ashley M, 2/9, $270,000

56 Derby Ave, Dziadik, Michael J and Sullo, Elizabeth J to Jones, Cynthia, 2/8, $295,000

SHARON

147 Millerton Rd, Goldfrank 3rd, Lionel to Huggine-Clarke, Kathleen, 2/7, $204,000

SHELTON

11 Wopowog Trl, Krehely Sr, Stephen G and Krehely, Helen L to Borum Hashem 77 LLC, 2/7, $290,000

15 Milne Ave, Caprio FT and Splan, Nancy to Padilla, Desmond E, 2/7, $390,000

38 Cherry Blossom Ln Lot 38, Telli Bros LLC to Leong, Kelvin and Leong, Joy, 2/10, $365,000

108 Aspetuck Trl Lot 108, Richard T Egan FT and Egan, Glen T to Oberson, Sonia, 2/7, $405,000

145 Canal St Lot 511, Chuga, Lauren A to Jaser, Maysoun, 2/7, $251,000

410 Buddington Rd, Levine, Eric S and Levine, Patricia A to Altidor, Gadimir and Altidor, Esta, 2/7, $560,000

505 Asbury Rdg Lot 505, Perec, Mary R to Wall, Lorraine, 2/7, $190,000

SIMSBURY

20 School House Ln, Benton, Garrett and Benton, Jacqueline to Corcoran, Matthew T and Thompson, Kimberly A, 2/7, $1,000,000

28 Alder Rd, Eakes, Nadine to Daddio, Daniel F and Fausel, Kathryn L, 2/10, $447,500

643 Hopmeadow St, Dudebroman Properties LLC to Morris, Matthew C and Pulley, David B, 2/7, $243,500

SOMERS

11 King Rd, Boucher, Sara to Dailey, David R and Dailey, Jean M, 2/8, $365,000

22 Country Fair Dr, Lyons, Sean M and Lyons, Jennifer L to Kinelski, Michael F, 2/7, $410,000

SOUTHBURY

354 Heritage Vlg Lot B, Cullen, Betty S to Berger, Barbara R, 2/7, $185,000

706 Heritage Vlg Lot A, Krebs, Barbara J to Antman, Esteban, 2/9, $185,000

951 Heritage Vlg Lot A, Defenthis Vincent Est and Leonard, Tracy to Albert, Lisa, 2/9, $225,000

SPRAGUE

8 Cydylo St, Cydylo Sr, William and Cydylo, Juliann A to Alydia Niedojadlo T and Grenier, Marc J, 2/4, $387,000

STAMFORD

Roosevelt Ave, Carriero Ann M Est and Carriero, James F to Miike, Warren and Velasco, Anacleta, 2/7, $575,000

1 Broad St Lot PH26E, Jacobi, Barbara A and Jacobi, Gary P to Basciano, Gary P, 2/8, $650,000

1 Strawberry Hill Ave Lot 6H, Caselton, Joan L and Bank Of New York Mellon to Bank New York Mellon Tr, 2/11, $270,000

6 Sheridan St, Carrington, Elaine to Jacques, Solange, 2/10, $570,000

14 Castle Ct, Francois, Joel E and Francois, Dottie A to Paul, Jean and Laurent, Marie P, 2/10, $385,000

18 Fenway St, Ross, Coy E and Ross, Denisse W to Andrade, Edison F, 2/10, $350,000

21 Fieldstone Ter, Scott, Denise M to Bernstein, Judith and Bernstein, Matthew, 2/11, $872,000

25 Forest St Lot 9L, Maconi, Keith W to Benoit, Arthur R and Feoktistoff, Lara, 2/9, $490,000

30 Glenbrook Rd Lot 9D, Li, Hong to Yusim, Daniel, 2/11, $209,000

32 Weed Hill Ave Lot O, Sterling, Myrna J to Rodriguez, Alex and Rodriguez, Ruth D, 2/10, $399,000

36 Roosevelt Ave, Carriero Ann M Est and Carriero, James F to Miike, Warren and Velasco, Anacleta, 2/7, $575,000

37 Blue Ridge Dr, Conetta, Casey to Montoya, Ismar I, 2/8, $450,000

39 Glenbrook Rd Lot 2P, Bourlatski, Sergei A to Ovalle, Rose H, 2/9, $183,000

42 Halloween Blvd, Mojica, Berna to Diaz, Jose P and Diaz, Nereo D, 2/9, $600,000

43 Bungalow Park, Smith, Gerard R and Smith, Margaret M to King, Jessica and King, Joshua, 2/9, $525,000

48 Strawberry Hill Ave Lot 10, Baker, Lowell L to Moreno, Nicholas, 2/8, $355,000

62 Fieldstone Ter, Okonkwo, Chienye E and Okonkwo, Weruche C to Zhao, Hengqiao and Guan, Xin, 2/8, $850,000

91 Strawberry Hill Ave Lot 330, Lewicki, Michael A to Halynski, Evhen, 2/10, $158,000

91 Strawberry Hill Ave Lot 727, Orr, Holly A to Eason, Desiree N, 2/11, $168,000

104 Crestwood Dr, Camillo, Michael J and Camillo, Jenna to Fridman, Aleksandr, 2/9, $545,000

136 Summer St Lot 2A, Fan, Rong to Distefano, Danica and Esposito, Tina, 2/10, $270,000

151 Courtland Ave Lot 1J, Cronin, Laura A to Meehan, Constance, 2/8, $180,000

161 Edward Pl, Howe, Laurel G and Howe 3rd, Robert M to Feng, Wei and Llyu, Mi, 2/8, $1,010,000

181 Glenbrook Rd Lot 16A, Vancini, Fabius W and Vancini, Fabio W to Parmar, Ranjit and Parmar, Minakshi, 2/11, $220,000

238 Wire Mill Rd, Hojjat, Faranak and Hojjat, Ali to Cortell, Gary, 2/9, $360,000

254 High Ridge Rd, Benenson, Sara J to Elias, Razia and Eklas, Mohammed, 2/9, $750,000

256 Washington Blvd Lot 14, Mcclean, Carol A and Mcclean, Lloyd V to Lona, Jose J, 2/7, $345,000

458 Pepper Ridge Rd, Rus, Grzegorz and Rus, Agnieszka to Okonkwo, Chienye and Okonkwo, Weruche, 2/8, $975,000

737 Cove Rd Lot 2B, Conte, Eric and Conte, Jennifer to Barillas, Ludyn N, 2/9, $230,000

950 Cove Rd Lot C7, Gibek, Rafal K to Sheketoff, Alan and Sheketoff, Claudia, 2/11, $275,000

2396 Washington Blvd Lot 2, Vishnubhatta, Madhav and Balaraman, Prabha to Paul, Ripan C, 2/7, $509,500

STONINGTON

Riverside Dr, Smith Jr, Charles R to Secchiaroli, George, 2/3, $20,000

8 Noyes Ave (Pawcatuck), Adriano Rita A Est and Adriano, John A to Stori Investments LLC, 2/7, $215,000

17 Michelle Ln Lot 17, Breen, Edwin to Granfield, Edward, 2/10, $508,000

23 Russell Ave, Bossie, Carrie to Geroulo, Thomas, 2/11, $410,000

25 Moss St, Dandrea, Patrick L and Dandrea, Bestella M to Canady, Kelly A, 2/9, $390,000

26 Borodell Ave, Cozzi, Elise M to Macris, Harrison J, 2/10, $565,000

455 Stonington Rd, Maraget B Spenlinhaucr T and Spenlinhaucr, Maraget to RSVP Holdings I LLC, 2/2, $3,066,400

STRATFORD

Alvord St, Currier, Melissa A to Franz, Shannon, 2/2, $415,000

Breakers Ln Lot 63, Robert E Hall T and Hall, Robert E to Recupero 3rd, Samuel P, 2/2, $17,500

Emery St, Kalcar Corp to Pellegrino, Nicholas M, 2/4, $445,000

Maureen St, Jones, Isabel to Maczuga, Agata, 2/2, $320,000

2 Marr St, Heid, Gary and Heid, Vanessa to Chavarria, Adolfo G and Espinoza, Maria E, 2/9, $395,000

35 Allyndale Dr, Winthrop Woods Dev LLC to Anonales, Jesse and Convery, Patrick, 2/7, $460,000

47 Powder Mill Rd Lot D, Bettenhauser, Raymond J to Mateo, Carlos and Mateo, Rosie, 2/2, $259,000

62 Ryan Ave, Guevara, Margarita to Betancur, Maria I and Betancur, Maria N, 2/10, $265,000

66 Van St, Terry Jr, Alan P and Terry, Monica A to Perez, Martha H and Garzon, Cesar L, 2/10, $230,000

68 Harbour View Pl Lot 68, Russell Jr, Daniel B and Russell, Julia R to Roberts, Roberta, 2/8, $400,000

111 5th Ave, Gutmann, Karl E and Gutmann, Jennifer to Twigg, Nicholas and Kassimis, Alyssa, 2/7, $407,000

117 Canaan Ct Lot 27, Geter Gary Est and Jones, Darlene to Kraja, Emira, 2/3, $45,000

143 London Ter, Neikirk, Brian and Alaimo, Ashley to Schlager, Matthew and Schlager, Marcie G, 2/10, $360,000

145 Okenuck Trl, Beyer, Dana J to Gonzalez, Javier, 2/8, $430,000

234 South Trl Lot A, Steele, Richard and Steele, Mildred R to Jarusinsky, James and Jarusinsky, Maria, 2/10, $325,000

260 Success Vlg Lot 21, Lattore, Learie to Armijo, Maria E, 2/7, $40,000

261 Masarik Ave, ABH Real Estate LLC to 261 Masarik LLC, 2/10, $465,000

317 Huntington Rd, Moran, Mary L and Stegenga, Sharon M to Capo Properties LLC, 2/4, $165,000

323 Roosevelt Ave, Rodriguez, Ruth and Rodriguez, Alexander to Kanczura, Jessica J, 2/7, $340,000

376 Thompson St, Pivarnik, Mary A to Landstar LLC, 2/2, $215,000

495 Niantic Ln Lot B, Harms, Cynthia to Gafa, Alexander and Gafa, Barbara, 2/2, $420,000

513 Soundview Ave, Golembeski Dolores J Est and Golembeski, Walter to 513 Soundview LLC, 2/7, $155,000

916 Huntington Rd, Secskas Edna M Est and Secskas, Anne to Williams, Gary, 2/4, $260,000

1165 Nichols Ave, Lindquiest, Patricia H to Conway, Deborah A and Conway Jr, John P, 2/9, $350,000

1790 Cutspring Rd, Deluca, Nicholas A to Pfann, Steven R and Pfann, Bonnie C, 2/8, $652,000

2224 Barnum Ave, Fisnik Development LLC to Parcal LLC, 2/7, $360,000

3699 Broadbridge Ave Lot 107, USA HUD to Anglin, Lamouy Y, 2/8, $92,000

3699 Broadbridge Ave Lot 227, Estes, Betsy to Blackstone Capital LLC, 2/3, $93,000

SUFFIELD

5 Charles Ct Lot 5, Burghoff, Linda G to Kling, Charles and Kling, Bobbie, 2/8, $409,000

107 Juniper Ln Lot 107, Caldwell T Co and Fishman, Wenday to Zipoli, Diane and Zipoli, Richard, 2/11, $450,000

357 Lakeview Dr, Morell, Amanda and Morell, Eric to Attardo, Peter S and Attardo, Kathleen J, 2/11, $500,000

1165 Mapleton Ave, James P Garini T and Garini Jr, James P to Spear, Brian K and Spear, Cynthia A, 2/9, $550,000

THOMASTON

33 Elizabeth Ave, Williams, Michael and Sullivan, Michelle to Palladino, Lawrence A, 2/10, $251,000

45 Judson St, Poplaski, Alyssa L to Biolo, Brittany F and Delorenzo Jr, Dave A, 2/7, $260,000

THOMPSON

1 Old Route 12, Dimastrantonio, Donna M to Loach, John P and Loach, Ryan P, 2/7, $262,500

36 Pompeo Rd, Krupowicz, Mark J and Krupowicz, Kimberly A to Sarucia, Sandra and Sarucia, Noah, 2/10, $657,500

TORRINGTON

Devaux Rd, Louis E Boyle T and Boyle, David L to Beecher, Mark B and Beecher, Kathleen S, 2/9, $110,000

4 Pulver St, Pulver St Acquisition LLC to Pulver St Acquisition LLC, 2/7, $200,000

16 Yale Ave, Camire, Todd to Mendes, Barbara S and Mendes, Christian G, 2/7, $229,900

30 Forest St, Forest Property LLC to Layer, Robert J and Layer, Lajla D, 2/7, $237,000

33 Scott Dr, Dalla Valle, Robert J and Dalla Valle, Kristin J to Mcphail Jr, Peter M, 2/7, $207,000

67 College Ave, Mattiello, Todd L to Miasek, Robin M, 2/7, $150,000

68 Wilson Ave Lot 423, Hailstones, Joshua W to Britto, Maryann, 2/7, $117,346

87 Reckledge Loop, Luisa DeCastro RET and Decastro, Luisa to Beckman, Roberta A, 2/7, $135,000

93 Hunter Ct Lot 93, Kelsey, Hillary N to Lockhart, Ira M, 2/10, $129,000

106 Pine St, Reynolds, Joan M to Montero-Tenesaca, Jose R and Tenesaca, Maria T, 2/10, $45,000

212 Ledge Dr Lot 212, Turchiano, John A to Tompkins, James D and Tompkins, Cynthia, 2/8, $120,000

389 Park Ave, Brickman, Mel and Brickman, Terri L to Landau, James and Landau, Theresa, 2/7, $105,000

636 New Harwinton Rd, Seedless Confabulating to Bocchichio, Robert and Bocchichio, Lynda, 2/7, $196,000

699 S Main St Lot 321, Tidd, Deborah L to Levesque, Robert E and Levesque, Janne A, 2/7, $116,900

1000 New Litchfield St, Vega, Shari L to Coleman, Danielle, 2/8, $239,900

1580 E Main St, Decker, Raymond W to Bautista, Teofilo, 2/7, $240,000

TRUMBULL

5076 Main St, Nextrental LLC to Singleton, Jordan R and Singleton, Ariana A, 2/11, $522,400

VERNON

8 Penfield Dr, Bull, Shawn P and Bull, Rachel A to Ramsay, Kyle S, 1/25, $315,000

16 Vernon Ave Lot 5, Zupnik, Jason C and Giarratana-Zupnik, L E to Davis, Liza, 1/25, $160,000

20 Reservoir Rd, Turner, Dora P to Jackman, Debra, 1/27, $165,000

60 Old Town Rd Lot 98, Fish, Donald W to Bialy, Ryan, 1/31, $149,000

98 W Main St, Williams, James R and Williams, Susan E to Saak Vernon Investments, 1/28, $631,000

101 Grand Ave, Higginbotham, Bruce J and Higginbotham, Kelly L to Knighton, Robert W and Aizen, Eliyahu Z, 1/25, $215,000

104 W Main St, Williams, James R and Williams, Susan E to Saak Vernon Investments, 1/28, $631,000

105 Maple Ave Lot 40, Anderson John K Est and Snowdon, Heather to Lan, Craig A and Lane, Kathleen L, 1/24, $180,000

150 Phoenix St, Appleyard, Deborah V to Burke, Patrick M and Burke, Tammy L, 1/24, $310,000

WALLINGFORD

5 Sunrise Cir, Jarvis, Michael A and Zareski, Dianne L to Carey, Laurie, 2/10, $280,000

33 S Elm St, Miller, Butch to Smith, Patrick, 2/1, $350,000

40 Jeffrey Dr, Buy Or Sell Realty LLC to Hunt, David T and Hunt, Amanda B, 2/8, $450,000

131 Strathmore Ln Lot 131, Carter, Sally L to Finis, Christopher, 2/8, $221,000

172 N Plains Industrial Rd Lot 172, S Kars LLC to Mcjams 2nd LLC, 2/7, $179,500

440 N Main St, Ardito, Richard A and Ardito, Kathleen M to Mesit 3rd, Ralph G and Mesite, Rachel A, 2/9, $504,000

1163 Old Colony Rd Lot 10, Mcnulty, Susan E to Kish, Barbara S, 2/7, $259,900

2303 Main St, Frost, Paula A to Anderson, Dawn M, 2/7, $68,000

WASHINGTON

Painter Ridge Rd, Matthews, Pels A and Matthews, Stacey M to Jagers, Christopher A, 2/1, $3,445,000

61 W Morris Rd, Lane, William and Lane, Marlene to Delasnerie, Sebastien G, 2/8, $560,000

149 Whittlesey Rd, Lloyd, Jill F and Lloyd, Michael A to 149 Whittlesey Road LLC, 2/9, $800,000

WATERBURY

E Mountain Village Condo Lot 35, Bartolini, Vincent to Demaida Jr, Ronald, 2/11, $69,900

Mitchell Ave, Blue Diamond Const LLP to Distasio, Paul, 2/11, $252,500

N Giles St, Johnson, Artel A to 33 Giles Street LLC, 2/9, $195,000

29 Horseshoe Dr, Taylor, Thomas and Deutsche Bank Natl T Co to Deutsche Bk Natl T Co Tr, 2/10, $111,984

29 Spread Oak Ln, Brass City Homes LLC to Onfroy, Andena, 2/7, $340,000

44 Norman St, Ramcharran, Ryan and Ramcharran, Padmeni to Criollo, Esperanza L and Chicaiza, Francisco P, 2/8, $212,900

50 Deering Ln, Meagher, Joseph A and Meagher, Melissa A to Beaudoin, Michael and Cerutti, Michael, 2/9, $150,000

53 Washington St, Machado, Osvaldo J and Machado, Maria J to 53 Washington St Corp, 2/7, $354,000

92 Glenstone Rd, 92-94 Glenstone Rd LLC to Azim, Nurul, 2/8, $317,500

121 Lounsbury St, West View LLC to 121 Lounsbury LLC, 2/8, $329,000

129 Seymour St, Htge Bldrs Of Waterbury to Carchi, Galo and Choc, Erika, 2/8, $24,000

135 Courtland Ave, Cekrezi, Jimmy and Cekrezi, Deshira to Diaz, Eduardo and Rodriguez, Yunerkis M, 2/11, $235,000

138 Beth Ln, JDMD Holdings LLC to Lopez, Juan P and Lopez, Demariss D, 2/8, $305,000

149 Orange St, Garcia, Ramon to 149 Orange Street LLC, 2/11, $211,000

154 Bradley Ave, Kinard, Charles W to Mcdougal, Ranique and Wilson, Andrea, 2/11, $285,000

159 Rockaway Ave, Schwab, Darcie and Moore, Kristie to Sarmiento, Edwin G, 2/10, $110,000

160 Anderson Ave, Dangelo, David J to Evangeliste, Julian M and Joseph, Marcelle, 2/10, $194,700

181 Buckingham St, 181 Buckingham St RET and Evans, Ahmed A to Soares, Anabel, 2/7, $210,000

223 Wall St, Cavallo Louis M Est and Jimmo, Tammy to Ramos, Tatiana, 2/7, $156,000

241 Traverse St, Williams Michael L Est and Williams, Arlyn to Neves, Adelino C, 2/7, $211,000

264 Fairlawn Ave, Hasanago, Ysen to Lopez, Anawel, 2/11, $230,000

333 Anna Ave, Lliguizaca, Joe to Rodriguez, Rafael A, 2/8, $265,000

333 Cooke St, Hofler James M Est and Smith, Cynthia H to Waterbury Cap Hldg LLC, 2/9, $110,000

380 Hitchcock Rd Lot 274, Zulkeski, Anthony G to Zechowski, Ireneusz and Zechowski, Alina, 2/7, $150,500

486 Wilson St, Kitney, Brian M and Kitney, Dawn to Debideen, Vevakanand, 2/7, $270,000

571 Congress Ave, Coleman, Ryan and Coleman 2nd, Daniel J to Reyes, David, 2/8, $225,000

708 Washington Ave Ext, Jurevich Alex J Est and Ambadjes, Susan R to Cotter 3rd, Clifton, 2/7, $103,000

750 Bunker Hill Ave, Anastasio Robert A Est and Wynn, Brian to Guerrera, Anthony and Knight, Brandon R, 2/8, $198,250

2824 E Main St, 2880 RC LLC to Hammad, Zeinab A and Jihayshi, Haider J, 2/8, $250,000

2927 E Main St, Horgan, Dawn E to RZ Enterprises LLC, 2/10, $85,000

3239 E Main St Lot D, Langs, Lillian K to Klotzberger, Robin S, 2/7, $140,000

WATERTOWN

15 Fern Hill Rd, Huang, Eric to Prisha Veer LLC, 2/7, $360,000

20 Cannon Ridge Dr Lot 20, Lettieri, Lisa to Andros, David P and Andros, Susan K, 2/8, $260,000

87 North St, Werner, Samantha to Patrick, Mark and Santello, Lyzamarie, 2/7, $260,000

WEST HARTFORD

8 Kingsley Ct Lot 8, Oprica, Serban I to Orentas, Laura and Zaleski, Gloria J, 2/7, $205,000

16 Meriline Ave, Sanchez, Herminia to Reid, Ashia and Murray, Anika, 2/7, $230,000

27 Shadow Ln, Mancini, Michael N to Guerrette, David R and Rocha, Nivia G, 2/9, $309,000

32 Somerset St, Ryan, Lynn M and Cugno, Lorelei M to Derodriguez, Heleodora A and Rodriguez, Luis, 2/8, $405,000

34 Lilley Rd, Sutula, Eric D to Yanke, Lindsay, 2/11, $403,000

38 Fox Chase Ln, Goldstein, Richard H to Hogeland, Andrew S and Hogeland, Anne W, 2/8, $420,000

57 Webster Hill Blvd, Porta Susan Est and Merino, Deborah to Schaeffer, Jessica and Tellerico, Michael, 2/9, $370,000

70 Edgemere Ave, Sputnik LLC to Mencher, Hollie A and Mencher, Amir, 2/7, $267,500

80 Price Blvd Lot 172, Manafort, Jason to Preserv Pros LLC, 2/9, $188,302

80 Price Blvd, Wilmington Svgs Fund Soc to Manafort, Jason, 2/9, $192,501

114 Fennbrook Rd, Reno, Marcia J to Benton, Ryan M, 2/9, $235,000

137 Brewster Rd, Czerwinski, Cari to Next Level Hm Buyers LLC, 2/9, $240,000

150 Lasalle Rd, Hersh, Austin to Hoerner, Joseph and Hoerner, Katelyn, 2/8, $640,000

153 Lawler Rd, Viet, Chai to Lin, Xiu Z, 2/10, $227,000

154 Washington Cir, Burke, Christine to Mccluster, Christopher L, 2/3, $350,000

155 Ridgewood Rd, Keen, Brenda B to Ridgewood Road LLC, 2/11, $150,000

602 New Park Ave, Os Realty Group LLC to New Park Aig LLC, 2/2, $735,000

704 Farmington Ave, Concord Apartments LLC to 704 Farmington Avenue LLC, 2/10, $2,510,000

1375 Boulevard, Slater, Raimi to Karsky, Bryan and Karsky, Kathryn, 2/9, $269,000

1443 Boulevard, Radziwillowicz, Agatha to Labella, Maxwell T and Bella, Jennifer L, 2/7, $415,000

1984 Albany Ave, Holmes, Terry L to Weragoda, Samantha and Lyles, Aaron, 2/11, $555,000

WEST HAVEN

5 Ogden St, Diaz, Cecilio and Diaz, Jicela to Coello, Eddy C and Coello, Taylor, 2/8, $310,000

20 Ida Ln, Moura, Michael to Muniz, Liz S, 2/8, $305,000

31 Templeton St, Iucci, Joseph to Cappiello, Linda, 2/10, $475,000

40 Knox St Lot C8, Escobar, Alvaro to Brentwood Condo Assn, 2/10, $60,000

60 Plainfield Ave Lot 8, Guptakoley, Manju to Dupree, Stephen, 2/8, $128,000

223 W Walk Lot 223, Withington Francis P Est and Withington, Denise to Montz, Christopher and Maher, Robert E, 2/10, $95,000

WESTBROOK

Settlers Pl Lot 9, Bocca Des Properties LLC to Barnett At Settlers LLC, 2/9, $298,226

Settlers Pl Lot 13, Bocca Des Properties LLC to Graham T and Graham, William D, 2/2, $304,826

164 Hammock Rd N, Nadeau Oatricia Est and Nadeau, Marc to Omalley, Daniel M and Omalley, Patricia B, 2/10, $430,000

WESTON

11 Wampum Hill Rd, Wampum Hill LLC to Lipton David Est and Lipton, Arthur J, 2/10, $1,340,000

WESTPORT

3 Pritchard Ln, Bonner, Henry J and Bonner, Susan E to Mattar, Adib and Alameddine, Chirine, 2/1, $2,780,000

9 Punch Bowl Dr, 37 Bermuda Road LLC to Fridman, Uri and Sigalow, Emily, 2/1, $2,440,000

14 Edgewater Commons Ln Lot 14, Reade, Wendy to Bonarrigo, Domenick and Bonarrigo, Christine, 2/1, $650,000

WETHERSFIELD

N/A, Ayers Realty LLC to Massa, Raymond and Quintana, Claudia, 2/11, $77,000

1 Bristol St, Lesure, Darlene R to Morales, Jessica M and Contreras, Dante I, 2/8, $189,000

21 Toll Gate Rd, Commodore Homes LLC to Journet, Omaris, 2/7, $339,000

62 Brookside Cir, Weinberg, Kellyanne P to Obrien, Kevin and Obrien, Salvatrice, 2/10, $255,000

77 Goodrich Dr, Blesso Marie D Est and Morin, Lynne to Obrizzo, Christopher J and Temple, Carli E, 2/9, $195,000

126 Bunce Rd, Cortez Jr, Mariano to Arthur, Victoria and Grant, Dylan, 2/9, $291,000

335 2 Rod Hwy, Xiong, Ziyon to Chiara, Adam and Chiara, Laura, 2/11, $400,000

404 Ridge Rd, Reynolds, Judith A to Ham, Shane, 2/10, $310,000

WILTON

11 Wampum Hill Rd, Wampum Hill LLC to Lipton David Est and Lipton, Arthur J, 2/10, $1,340,000

182 Deer Run Rd, FCB Rem LLC to Baxendale, Anthony B, 2/7, $517,001

244 Old Grumman Hill Rd, Paige, Michael and Paige, Courtney to Hobe, Dylan and Hobe, Barbara A, 2/11, $650,000

367 Chestnut Hill Rd, Scott, Raymond to Carty, Dennis and Carty, Rhianna, 2/7, $690,000

713 Danbury Rd, Sachetti, Gary and Sachetti, Roxanne J to Cipollone, Jesse D and Cipollone, Brittany, 2/7, $500,000

727 Danbury Rd, Sachetti, Gary and Sachetti, Roxanne J to Cipollone, Jesse D and Cipollone, Brittany, 2/7, $500,000

737 Danbury Rd, Sachetti, Gary and Sachetti, Roxanne J to Cipollone, Jesse D and Cipollone, Brittany, 2/7, $500,000

WINCHESTER

24 Lake St, Bassett, Eric J and Smith, Olivia R to Caspole, David P, 2/8, $224,000

153 Glendale Ave, USA HUD to Fontanez, Ana G and Rivera, Alberto E, 2/7, $170,000

421 N Main St, Favo Group LLC to Angle, Scott and Lancey, William, 2/8, $232,500

WINDHAM

21 Gem Dr, Rios, Angelina to Cocone, Alexis J, 2/8, $218,000

100 South St, Rumford Renovations LLC to Stearns, Jason, 2/8, $160,000

138 Bush Hill Rd, Sicard, Joseph E to Martinelli, Juan E, 2/9, $350,000

279 Indian Hollow Rd, Brassaw, Arthur W to Robinson, Dana, 2/10, $184,900

WINDSOR

10 Settler Cir, Forrest, Pauline E to Davis, Tawana L, 2/7, $350,000

40 Maythorpe Dr, Robledo, Margaret E to Fahey, Donovan, 2/9, $269,000

60 Berrios Hill Rd, Duong, Nhan T and Nguyen, Cam T to Gowing, Scott and Gowing, Susan, 2/8, $435,000

161 Portman St, Hinds Janice Jean Est and Hinds, Janice J to Mejia, Midadys and Perez, Vinas A, 2/8, $222,000

282 Hayden Station Rd, Binette, Louise M to Furlong, Jeffrey L and Furlong, Marilyn N, 2/10, $312,500

1276 Poquonock Ave, Denno Jr, Thomas J and Jenno, Jody L to Dugdale, Christopher, 2/8, $185,000

WINDSOR LOCKS

Old County Rd Lot 417, Park Pl Storage Conodo to Kevin Ahern Ent LLC, 2/4, $72,000

21 Dale St, Marjorie R Depoutot T and Schneeberger, Linda J to King, Marilyn and Hood, Jonathan, 2/7, $246,000

316 Green Manor Ter, Hubbard Roger E Est and Ouellete, Doris M to Cruz Jr, Wilfredo and Quealy, Christopher L, 2/7, $160,000

502 Halfway House Rd, Mcmurry Dorothy Est and Carron Jr, Robert A to Pownall, Clement, 2/2, $262,000

WOLCOTT

92 Richard Ave, Mercier, Richard W and Mercier, Kristin S to Grammatico, John J, 2/10, $435,000

185 Catering Rd, Joan P Kane T and Murphy, Cynthia to Andrews, Jaimie, 2/7, $220,000

215 Central Ave, Tift, Matthew and Avxhiu, Eriola to Symolon, Jeffrey R, 2/7, $450,000

WOODBURY

3 Bethlehem Rd, Matozzo, Joseph and Matozzo, Sabina to B Murphy Bldg Contractor, 2/2, $60,000

3 Clubhouse Dr Lot 3, Day, Gordon R to Siegelstein, Helene, 2/2, $214,500

93 Railtree Hill Rd, Bullock, Henninger and Bullock, Jane to Carroll, Edward J, 2/3, $760,000

170 Brushy Hill Rd, Donegan Jean F Est and Donegan, Thomas M to BTJ Inc, 2/3, $110,000

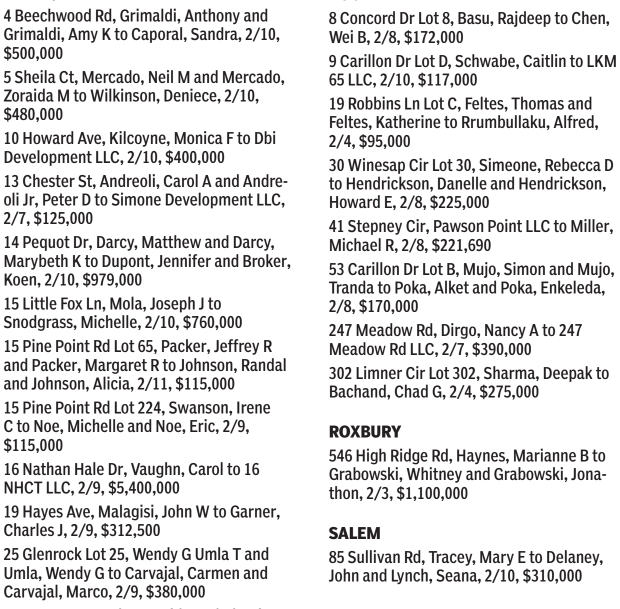
685 Middle Road Tpke, Gagnon, Matthew L and Tietz, Debra J to Lynch, David and Lynch, Carolyn, 2/9, $475,000

WOODSTOCK

283-B Prospect St, Cutler, Brian and Cutler, Jennifer to Larsen, Benjamin and Larsen, Rebekah, 2/9, $450,500

387 Route 169, Browning, David to Belanger, Emily and Belanger, Kayla, 2/7, $220,000

479 Route 169, Atwood, Daniel V and Atwood, Mary E to Lance, Ben C and Lance, Carolyn A, 2/9, $430,000



A semi-pedestal bathroom sink can give you the classic pedestal-type look along with a space-saving design. **KOHLER**

ASK THE PLUMBER

Full-size sink for a small-size bathroom

By Ed Del Grande
Tribune News Service

Q: I'm remodeling my small powder room and for a classy look I want to install a pedestal bathroom sink. To save space I plan to go with a round-front toilet. But space will still be tight to fit the pedestal. Any ideas for this one?

A: Believe it or not, there is a lavatory sink fixture built for this type of installation. It's called a semi-pedestal bathroom sink, and it can give you the classic pedestal-type look along with a space-saving design.

Semi-pedestal sinks are wall-hung sinks with a semi- or half-pedestal attached to the bottom of the sink. The semi-pedestal goes down from the sink less than halfway toward the floor, so it never touches the floor.

This opens up extra leg room under the sink, giving you the best of both worlds. The semi-pedestal shroud also neatly conceals the sink trap as well.

The final result is a classic or modern-looking sink fixture (depending on the style you choose) complete with a deck for faucet holes and a nice, deep bowl.

Bottom line: Semi-pedestal lav sinks can open up maxi-space.

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‘Beat their swords into plowshares’

Group RAWtools turning guns into gardening tools

By Thomas Peipert
Associated Press



Fred Martin, a blacksmith for RAWtools, hammers what was a rifle barrel into a garden tool. The group draws inspiration from the Bible verse, “They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” **THOMAS PEIPERT/AP PHOTOS**



Martin inspects a rifle barrel that was melted in a forge and transformed into a garden tool.

DENVER — Nearly three decades after her 3-year-old son was killed in a drive-by shooting that shattered the silence outside a Denver duplex, Sharletta Evans was the one piercing the stillness as she eased some of her pain by hammering the melted barrel of a rifle into a garden tool.

The event held at a Denver church was part of a program run by the Colorado Springs-based nonprofit RAWtools, which draws inspiration from the Bible verse “They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.”

“To see one more gun off the street is so comforting. I love the idea of something that could potentially cause harm being turned into a garden tool that’s going to be something used for productivity,” Evans said while holding a photo of her son Casson, who was killed just before Christmas in 1995.

RAWtools has disabled more than 1,000 firearms across the country since its inception in 2013, shortly after a gunman killed 20 first-graders and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut. Many of the resulting garden tools are donated to participating churches or sold on the RAWtools website.

The group’s executive director, Mike Martin, said 1,000 disabled firearms “feels small” considering the nearly 400 million guns in the U.S., but it’s a start.

“It’s a little bit by a little bit. We affect change by making change in our own lives and compelling others to do the same,” he said, noting that RAWtools also partners with groups that focus on rehabilitating offenders and reconciling them with their victims.

The organization’s ultimate goal, he said, is to offer “a space for people to transform their trauma from something that brings death to their life to something that brings life.”

At another recent event at a church in the nearby city of Aurora, which has seen an alarming surge in gun violence, the group held an anonymous gun buyback and disabled 75 firearms, 50 of which were semi-automatic. RAWtools pays $100 for standard rifles, $200 for handguns and semi-automatic firearms and $300 for AR-style rifles.

Chris Silkwood of Denver donated his semi-automatic rifle plus $500 to RAWtools after his wife read about the organization and said she wanted him to dispose of the gun for her birthday.

Silkwood used to work in Iraq and Afghanistan for a construction company that contracted with the U.S. military and bought the rifle and a handgun after the military required the company’s employees to be armed. About a year after he stopped working in the Middle East, Silkwood said the shooting at Sandy Hook made him think about his own young daughter — just starting school at the time — and why anyone should own a rifle like his and the one used in the massacre.

“I couldn’t think of a good reason,” said Silkwood. “It’s designed for one purpose only and that’s to kill people, and usually a lot of people.”

Silkwood, who said he isn’t opposed to all guns, didn’t want to sell the rifle out of fear that it would end up in the wrong hands so it sat unused for about a decade until, with the help of RAWtools, he turned it into his wife’s birthday gift.

He said he felt both relief and pride at the garden tool he created.

“The sense of relief came from the fact that that gun was gone now and was never going to be used for anything except essentially for gardening,” he said.

For Evans, the mission of RAWtools meshes with her own, which includes speaking publicly about her road to forgiving — and even advocating for — her son’s killers.

She said that path began the same night her son died in her arms, when she said she felt a presence and heard a voice asking if she would forgive the killers. She immediately agreed.

Evans, who went on to form a gang prevention organization and now runs the Colorado Crime Survivors Network, took the opportunity in 2012 to meet face-to-face for eight hours with one of the shooters, Raymond Johnson, who was serving his time in a Colorado prison. From that point on, she said, she accepted Johnson as her son and started advocating for his release.

Johnson, who was 15 at the time of the shooting, completed a reentry program for juveniles convicted as adults and walked out of prison a free man last November. Evans said the other shooter, Paul Littlejohn, is expected to be released soon.

For Evans, healing has come in many forms — through her spirituality, forgiveness and advocacy work. But she said she finds the most peace in telling Casson’s story.

“As long as I continue to reach out to other people, I keep Casson alive,” she said. “And that’s my goal. As long as I live, I’m going to keep Casson alive with me by sharing my story of forgiveness and how God is able to heal you.”

Small steps to take to get organized for good

Decluttering leads to feelings of guilt, shame for some

By Christie Galeano-Demott
Tribune Content Agency



Tidy up your home without feeling overwhelmed. **EVGENIIA SIIANKOVSKAIA/GETTY**

The thought of getting (and staying) organized spurs a variety of reactions in different people. Some consider it a quick but necessary chore, while others see it as an insurmountable obstacle. However, organization isn’t just a way to get your physical belongings in order. It can also help build confidence, add fulfillment to your life and foster a positive mindset.

When everything in your home has a place, it’s easier to solve everyday problems, even if it’s as simple as knowing where to find new batteries for the remote control. Being capable of fixing these small inconveniences also enhances your sense of control and fulfillment because you know exactly where to look. To help you achieve the mental health boost that comes with an organized home, Carrie Peeples, owner of the Atlanta-based home organization company Neatsmart, shares some of her best-kept secrets for staying organized that you can use each day to take back control of your space.

Toss out fear and guilt

“It’s OK not to be organized. It’s a skill that not everyone is born with, but it’s a skill you can learn,” Peeples says. Seeing clutter causes some people to feel overwhelmed and paralyzed with the fear of not knowing where to start, she explains. Sometimes it’s easier to choose a path of inaction because you don’t know the next step. Taking things slow and being kind to yourself during the process can take some of the fear out of getting organized. “Don’t feel anxious about it,” Peeples says. “Give yourself some grace.”

Decluttering can also bring about feelings of shame and guilt, which are usually manifested because we assign emotional attachments to our possessions. As you consider getting rid of something, your thoughts might turn to the family member or friend who gave it to you, which can make you feel guilty even if the object is outdated or broken. Peeples’ advice? “Toss items that no longer suit you.” Or, if you feel like the item could have a potential life with someone else, consider donating or consigning the clothing.

Set a schedule

Humans naturally crave a sense of accomplishment, whether that’s achieved through completing a crossword puzzle, learning a new skill or tidying up around the house. Sticking to an organizing schedule can boost feelings of productivity as you check items off your to-do list. Remember that your plan doesn’t have to be strict or detailed to be effective; it can simply be used to create a better sense of control over your day.

Do 15-minute projects

To conquer a disorganized home in quick daily bursts, pick a short task to do each day. Finishing one to-do will give you a sense of accomplishment that can help motivate you to take on another small project tomorrow. These small tasks can be as simple as sorting mail, organizing your sock drawer, cleaning out your medicine cabinet or conquering that dirty sink.

Break larger projects into small sections

Start small to avoid getting overwhelmed by sizable tasks. For example, if you want to organize your kitchen, start by cleaning out your pantry. Focus first on throwing away expired items or donating shelf-stable items you won’t use, then work on arranging like items together the following day (store breakfast foods, condiments and grains on separate shelves, for example).

If you want to tackle your closet, Peeples recommends you start by evaluating what your lifestyle is like today and if your wardrobe reflects it. Acknowledge that styles, our bodies and even our work environments can change over time. Only hang on to things you love and those that are meaningful to you. Try not to get stuck on aspirational thoughts about the clothing you’re going to wear someday.

“Instead, celebrate who you are today by letting go of judgments,” she says. Remember that it’s OK to let those pieces go so that someone else can enjoy them.

Get the kids involved

Whether you have kids, grandchildren or nieces and nephews around the house, it’s never too early to teach children how to organize. “Putting away should be part of the play,” Peeples says. Encouraging kids to get involved can help you let go of perfectionism, appreciate their efforts and value the input of young ones. The more you can involve kids and get them to think creatively, the more they will be willing to participate.

Donate or sell unwanted items

To get rid of unwanted items, start with your inner circle. Ask friends or family if they want anything, paying extra attention to family heirlooms.

Another option is to find a charity you want to support. Donating to a cause that is meaningful to you will make it easier to part with something since you know that you’re helping someone in need.

If you want to sell it, try Facebook Marketplace or Craigslist or consider online consignment shops like Poshmark and ThredUp or TheRealReal for luxury items.

As you start organizing, remember that creating a functional home that works with your lifestyle is key. It should be a reflection of who you are and what you love. A good way to keep that up is by organizing seasonally so you can evaluate what you typically wear and what is or isn’t working in your home.

Just remember to start small, notes Peeples: “No one runs a marathon on the first day of training.”

Cohousing community dreams dashed

Group's effort for collaborative living in Conn. fell short

By Lisa Prevost
The New York Times



Eli Bradley, from left, Dick Margulis, Kirina Gair-MacMichael and Brenda Caldwell are pictured Dec. 13 with a poster for the Rocky Corner cohousing community in Bethany, Conn. The collaborative living experiment fell short. **JANE BEILES/THE NEW YORK TIMES**

For Claudia Ruffle, living in a cohousing community was a lifelong dream. She longed for connection with people who shared her values, particularly around concern for the environment. But as an introvert, she found it hard to meet people on her own.

Cohousing, a form of collaborative living that originated in Denmark, provided "a structure where I didn't have to be outgoing and could still get the benefit of getting to know people," said Ruffle, 72, a former substitute teacher and administrative secretary. "It compensated for my lack of outgoingness."

So she was among the early supporters of what was envisioned as Connecticut's first cohousing community. After more than a decade of planning, the project, called Rocky Corner, finally broke ground in 2018 on a 33-acre plot in Bethany, a suburb of New Haven.

Ruffle and a friend contracted to purchase one of the attached housing units there, and sold their home in New Haven in anticipation of closing in 2019. But their closing date kept getting extended. And then members of the community were told that the project was having a cash flow problem.

"We thought, Oh, OK, we will give them all of our money for our unit with the understanding that once we can move in, our unit is paid for," Ruffle said.

But instead, the entire project went into foreclosure. And Ruffle's dream — and finances — were dashed.

"That money is now gone and there's no way for us to retrieve it," she said. "We lost about $170,000. And we both have very low incomes. Ever since, we've been living in not good circumstances at all."

Members of Rocky Corner offer varying views of what exactly went wrong. But in general, most agree that the increasing complexity of the project proved more than the group could afford or manage.

"Mistakes were made all along the line by all parties," said Dick Margulis, a book designer and editor who, along with his wife, was among the community's earliest organizers.

What happened at Rocky Corner is not a reflection of the viability of cohousing in general, said Karen Gimnig, the interim executive director of the Cohousing Association of America, a national nonprofit that supports newly forming and existing communities.

In a cohousing model, residents own their own homes, but share common spaces — a structure aimed at fostering connection and community through collaborative living.

The association always advises people planning such communities to partner with experienced cohousing developers in order to minimize their risks, she said.

Though cohousing projects are typically built on properties that have municipal water and sewer, she said, the Rocky Corner project was a rural property and involved reserving a portion of the land for farming.

Only about half of the planned 30 housing units were close to completion when Ion Bank, in Naugatuck, recently took possession of the property through a limited liability company.

The bank submitted the sole bid of $6.9 million at the foreclosure sale in November. Ion filed for foreclosure in 2020, with outstanding loans on the project totaling about $6.7 million.

Housing Enterprises, a consulting firm in Enfield, helped the group win a $2.6 million housing grant from the state to make some of the units affordable. "A lot of people lost money," said David Berto, the president of Housing Enterprises. "There was a whole group of people who put in money to buy the land, and some of those weren't homebuyers. They were just people who wanted to help, including me. We have all lost money and that's just the way it is."

At Rocky Corner, members managed the project and their community affairs using a process called sociocracy, which organizes people into various circles to make decisions consensually. A small group of founding members, including Brenda Caldwell, of Bethany, as well as Berto, sat on the "project management" circle, and regularly consulted with the construction company and architect. Other members participated in one or more circles focused on various other aspects, such as marketing, design and community relations.

Rocky Corner was organized around the themes of conservation and sustainability, the result of a conversation that began as far back as 2006. The modestly sized homes on the property, all less than 1,300 square feet, are built to high energy-efficiency standards. Laid out in duplexes and triplexes, they are clustered on 5 acres close to a 4,300-square-foot common house designed to have a kitchen, dining area, lounge, woodworking shop and laundry facilities.

Organizers had hoped to grow vegetables on part of the land and preserve the rest with easements.

"We were really trying to protect the character of the land, protecting it from big ugly development," said Caldwell, an experienced organic farmer. "Now we're really afraid that we can't protect it anymore, and that is devastating."

She blamed the debt pileup on a series of unanticipated costs and bureaucratic delays that dragged out the timeline.

As costs mounted, the group had to raise the price of the housing units, and that, along with a slowdown in the housing market, made it harder to attract the young families that the much-older organizers were hoping would be interested.

Some prospective residents were so optimistic that the project would succeed that they installed their own flooring and appliances before they had closed on their units. (No closings ever took place.) Some people also paid for customized add-ons to their homes, like dormers or a porch.

A professional appraisal submitted as part of the foreclosure proceeding showed prices on the expired contracts ranging from $387,000 for a one-bedroom to $463,000 for a three-bedroom. The income-qualified units ranged in price from about $195,000 for a one-bedroom to $240,000 for a three-bedroom.

The remaining members are hopeful that Ion Bank will sell the project to a developer interested in following through on the cohousing effort.

Margulis, one of the early organizers, still vividly recalls a meeting for the project that took place in his living room over tea and cookies 11 years ago.

"I even remember what shirt I was wearing," he said. "I think we were naive — probably still are. But we haven't given up on the dream. We are still optimistic that we can make a change in the world."



Walt Disney Co. will develop residential communities. **JAY L. CLENDENIN/LOS ANGELES TIMES**

Walt Disney Co. developing 'storyliving' communities

By Jaimie Ding
Los Angeles Times

Walt Disney Co. is extending its brand into real estate, announcing plans Feb. 16 to develop residential "storyliving" communities around the country where fans will be able to live, make friends and soak in the magic of Disney in their everyday lives.

The first of the developments, dubbed "Cotino," will be in built in Riverside County's Rancho Mirage, near where founder Walt Disney once owned a home, the company said in a news release. Additional locations are also being explored.

"As we prepare to enter our second century, we are developing new and exciting ways to bring the magic of Disney to people wherever they are, expanding storytelling to storyliving," Disney parks division chairman Josh D'Amaro said in the release.

The new communities, called "Storyliving by Disney," will be open to all ages, with some neighborhoods designated for residents 55 years or older. Trained Disney cast members will operate the community associations, and Disney will provide access to "curated experiences" through a club membership, including wellness programming, live entertainment and cooking classes.

The Cotino community will surround a "24-acre grand oasis featuring clear turquoise water" and include estates, single family homes and condominiums.

An optional club membership will confer access to a waterfront clubhouse, a club-only beach area and recreational water activities.

The project also has approval for a mixed-use district including shopping, dining and entertainment, a beachfront hotel and professionally managed beach park that will be accessible by the public with a day pass. Disney is collaborating with Arizona-based DMB Development, which specializes in planned communities, for the project.

Disney's theme park "Imagineers" will help develop the communities and explore the "richness of each local region to inspire the theme of Storyliving by Disney communities," said Michael Hundgen, executive producer of the company's theme park research and development arm, in a statement.

Disney's previous forays into residential properties include the master-planned town of Celebration, Florida, in the 1990s and high-end homes in resort-style communities near Walt Disney World. The Epcot theme park was also originally conceived by Walt Disney as a company town with commercial and residential areas.

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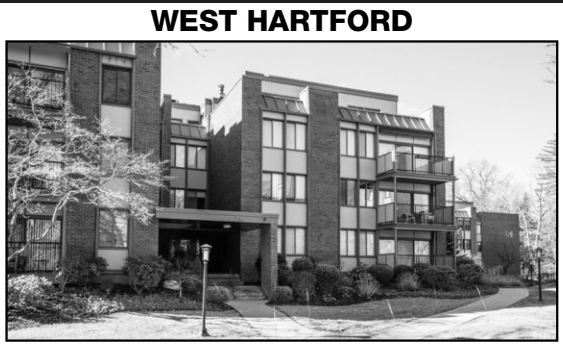
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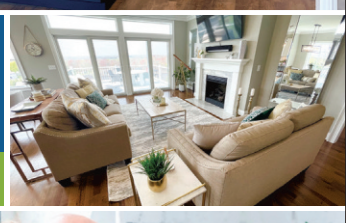


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ASK THE BUILDER

Troubleshooting failing floor tile grout

By Tim Carter
Tribune Content Agency



This grout is less than two years old. It started to degrade less than six months after being installed. **TIM CARTER/TNS**

A few days ago, I was singing "Happy Birthday" for the third time to my granddaughter in the kitchen of her parent's newer home.

But then I noticed, right behind and below my granddaughter, a section of grout in the tile floor that was defective. A significant amount of grout was missing from the joint. I soon discovered no fewer than 20 other random places in the tile floor throughout the house where grout was degrading.

Days after my granddaughter was born, I was installing the cast-iron drain pipes in the house. Eighteen months later it was move-in day. I was not the builder on the project, but I did install all the plumbing, electric and radiant heat in the home. Unfortunately, the builder lacked the skill to order products in advance and schedule other subcontractors, so there was activity on the job site every day. In my day, a simple rectangle custom house like my daughter's would have taken me less than seven months to build from start to finish. You can probably do the math, but the floor grout that failed is less than two years old. It started to fail within a month after my daughter moved in. There are quite a few reasons floor grout can fail, and based on where it's failing in the house, I've come to the conclusion it's a simple workmanship error.

Your floor grout can crack if the floor itself flexes. Ceramic tile can be installed over a wood-floor system, but it's imperative that the floor be as stiff as a granite countertop. In your lifetime, you may have walked across a somewhat bouncy floor that felt a bit like a trampoline. These floor systems do meet minimum building-code requirements, but they're death on a stick for ceramic tile flooring and grout.

My daughter's home has a stiff floor. I made sure of this in the design. The two-story house is constructed using engineered floor trusses. In fact, the trusses under my granddaughter's stool, while she was eating cake, were special extra-stiff ones made to compensate for the massive 10-by-5-foot center island in the kitchen. There is absolutely no flex whatsoever in my daughter's floors. Eliminating the possible explanation of bouncy floors leaves the installer and the grout itself as the most likely culprits. Yet, in this case, it's easy to eliminate the possibility of defective grout because a vast majority of the grout in the tile is fine with no defects. The floor was grouted over a period of a few days in the late spring of 2020.

Further inspection of the defects shows that they are random: Some are adjacent to bearing points of the floor trusses and others can be found mid-span of a few trusses. If the grout were failing just at mid-span you might make a compelling argument that the floor trusses have just enough flex to crack the grout.

But there's a difference between when the grout just cracks and when it turns to powder — leaving giant gaps and holes in the grout. This is the issue my daughter faces. The smoking gun, in my opinion, points to small amounts of grout that had already started to harden in the bucket and were applied by the tile setter. He may have even added a tiny amount of water to the stiff grout to make it workable.

About 10 years ago I recorded with the help of my future son-in-law four in-depth videos showing exactly how to mix, install and finish sanded floor tile grout so it can last for hundreds of years. Remember, floor grout is simply a miniature version of concrete, and I can show you concrete in different parts of the U.S. that has aged well over 100 years old even when exposed to harsh weather. Your floor grout never has to experience this since it's inside.

The key to creating floor grout that lasts is controlling the water that's used to mix it and the amount that's used when you strike the joints with a sponge to make them look perfect. Keep in mind that the instant you mix water with the dried grout, you start an irreversible chemical reaction called hydration. Tiny crystals in the Portland cement in the grout start to grow. As more and more crystals grow, the grout gets stiff and eventually gets as hard as a rock. After all, all the components in standard sanded floor grout are all rock except for the water.

If the mixed grout in the bucket starts to get stiff because it wasn't installed fast enough, there aren't enough crystals left to bond to the sides of the tile in the actual grout joint. What's more, if the installer decides to add a little water to make the grout workable, he breaks apart many of the crystal bonds that have already formed. These are not self-healing.

You can also ruin floor grout when you're finishing the joints. The sponge that's used to strike the joints must be just damp with all the excess water squeezed out before you slide the sponge across the floor tile and the grout lines. If excess water gets on the wet floor grout, it can dilute the amount of the Portland cement in the grout in those random areas where the water soaks into or puddles on the wet grout.

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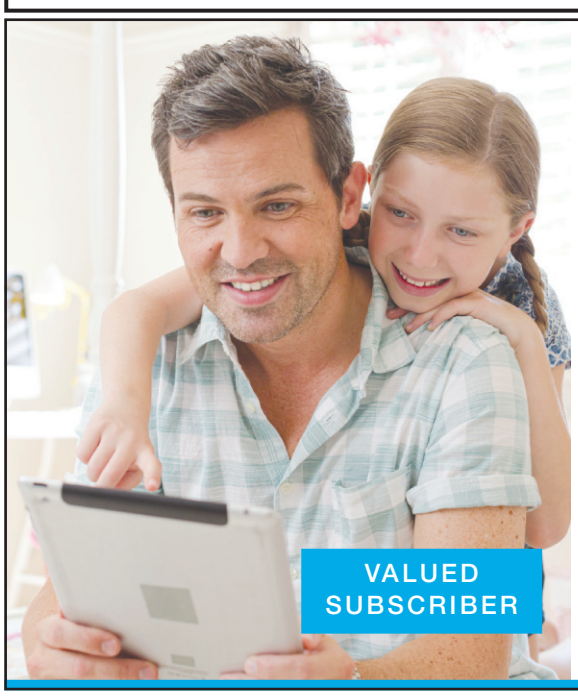
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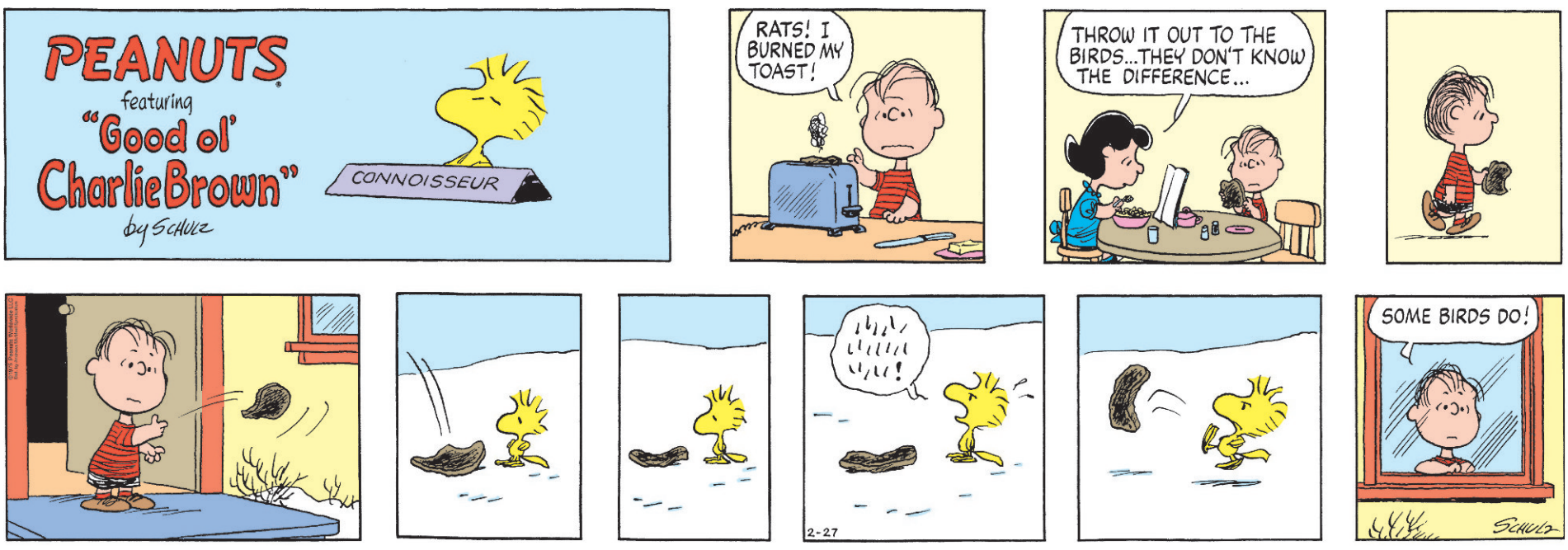
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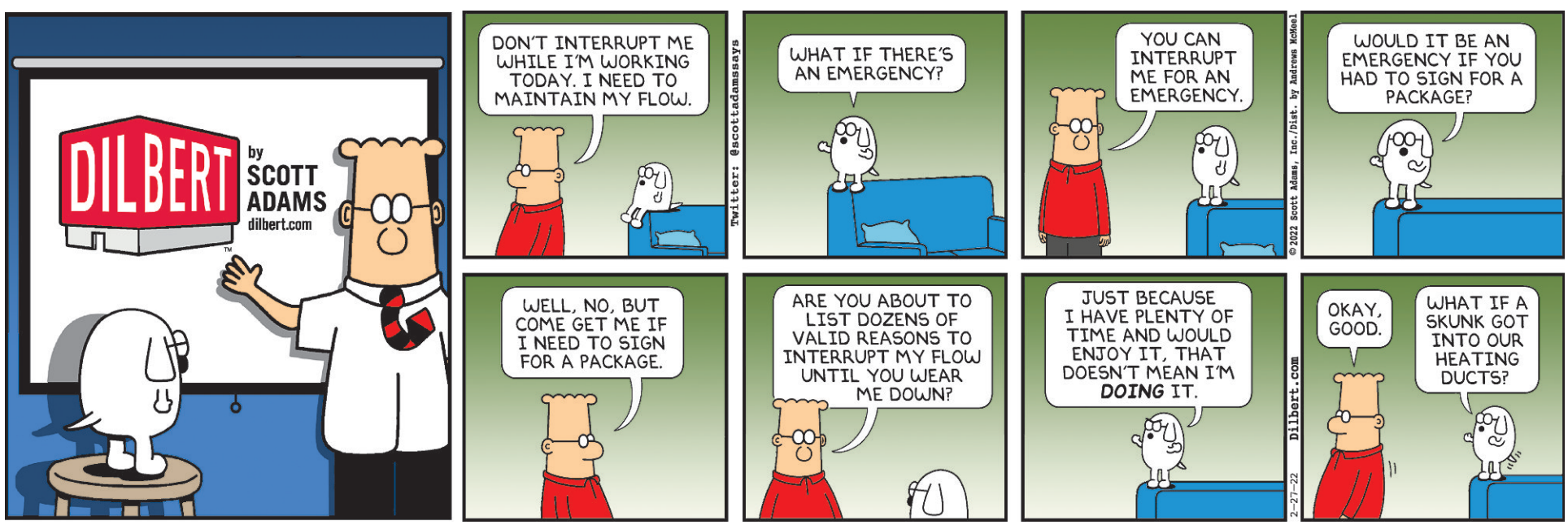
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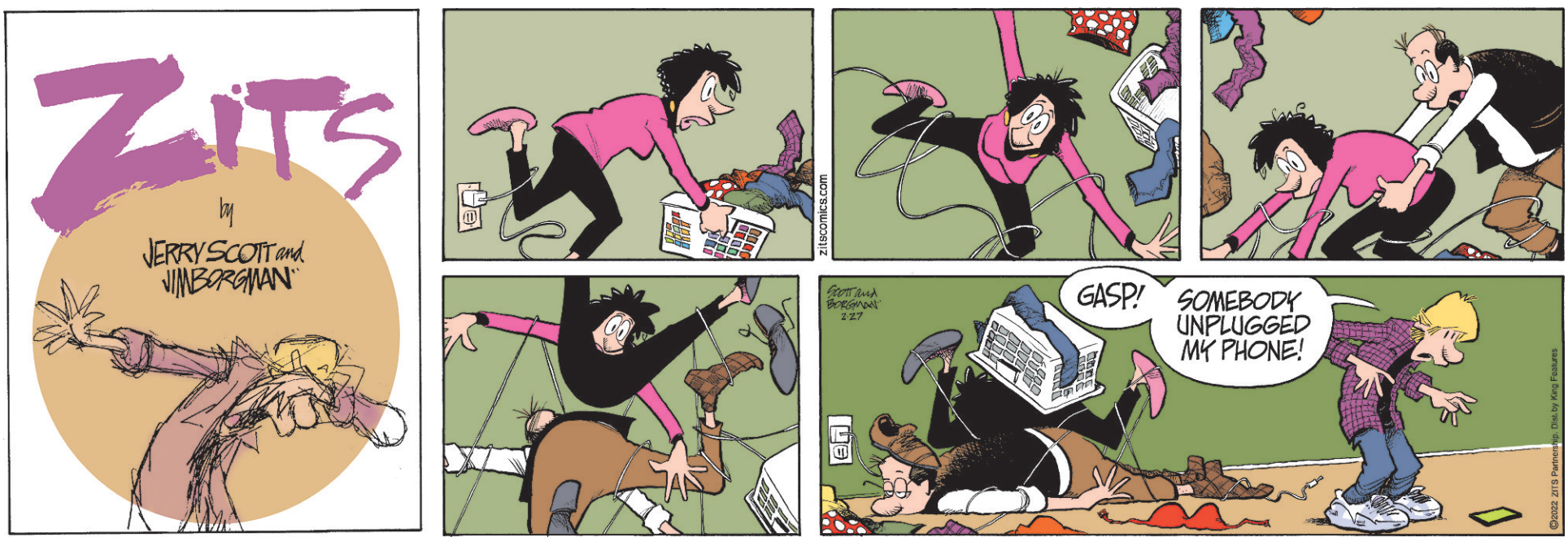
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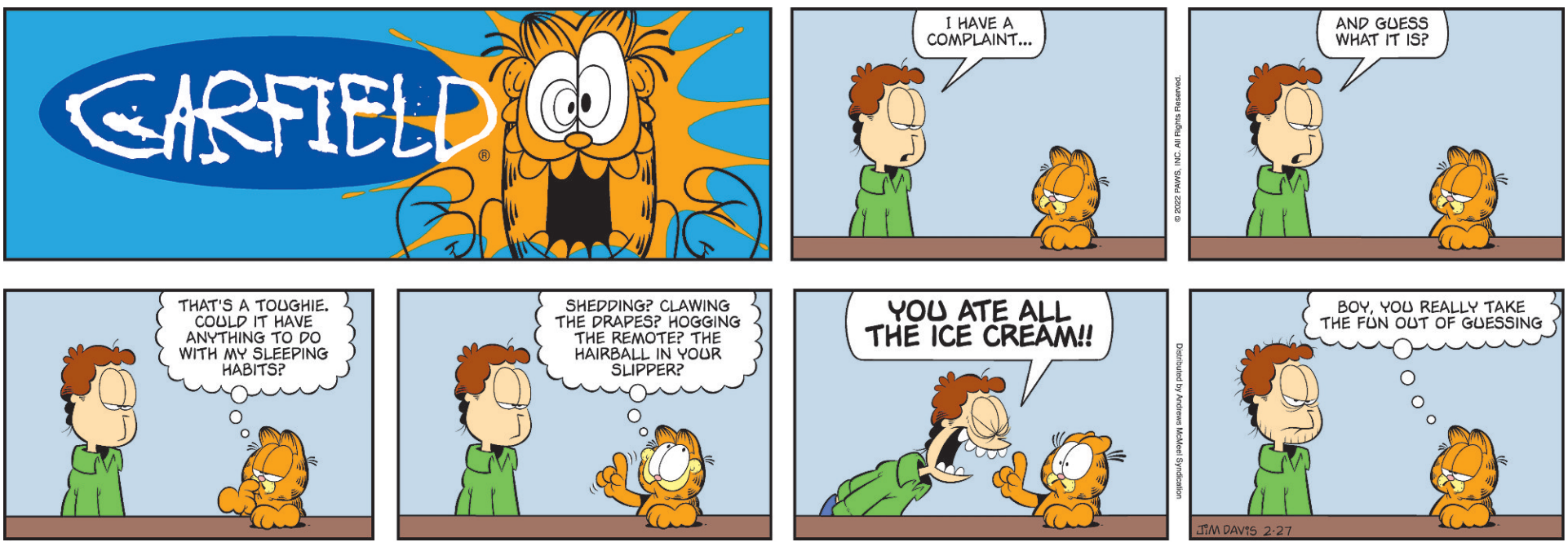
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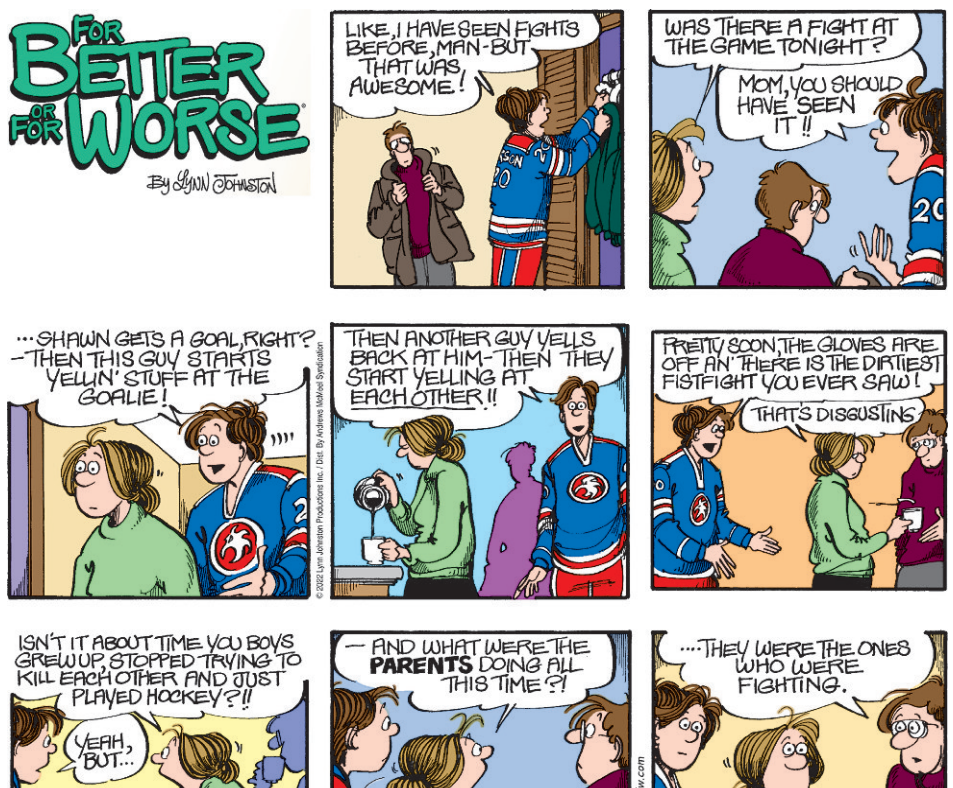




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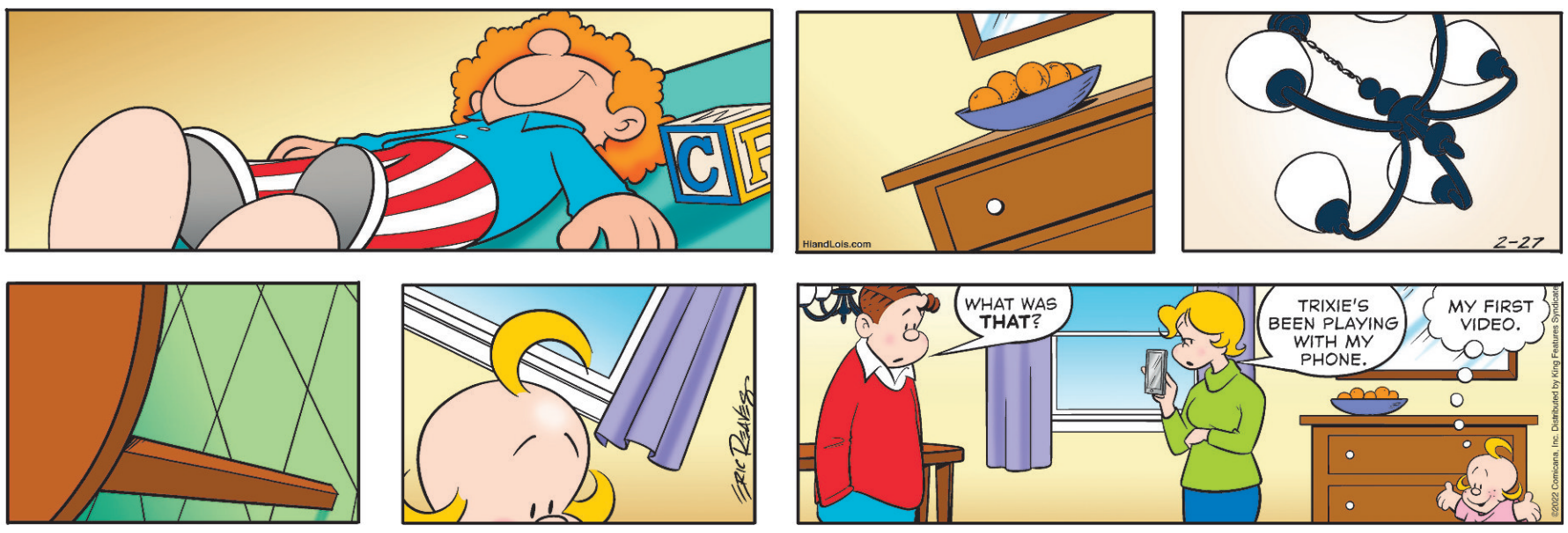


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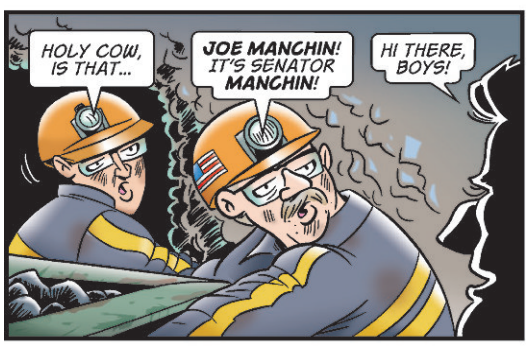
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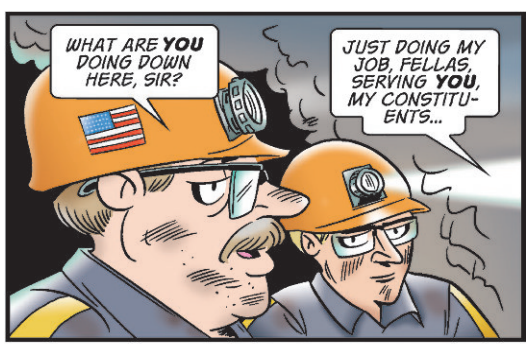
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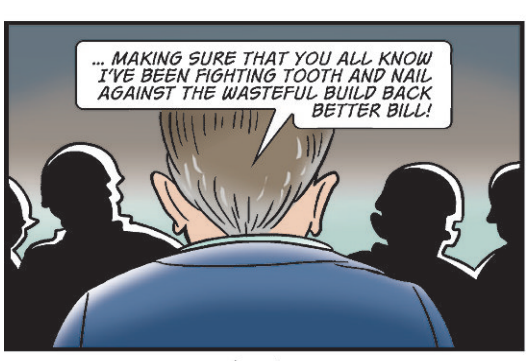


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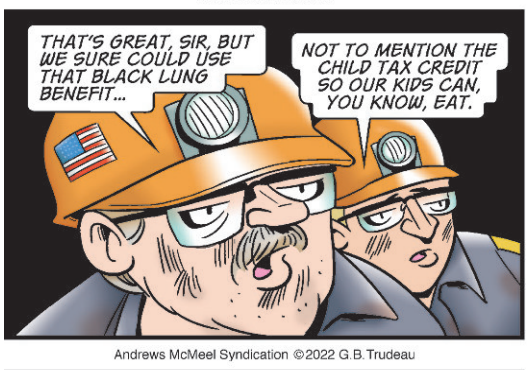
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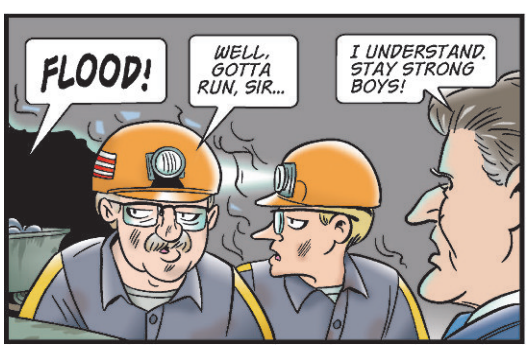


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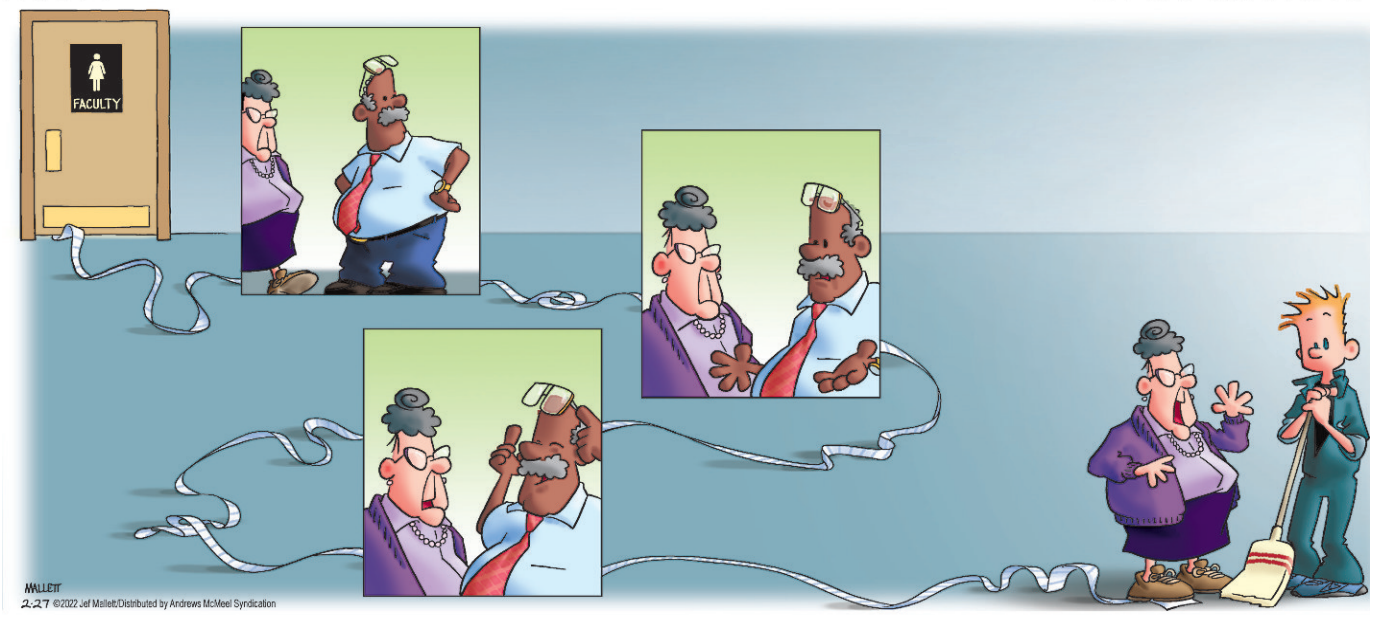
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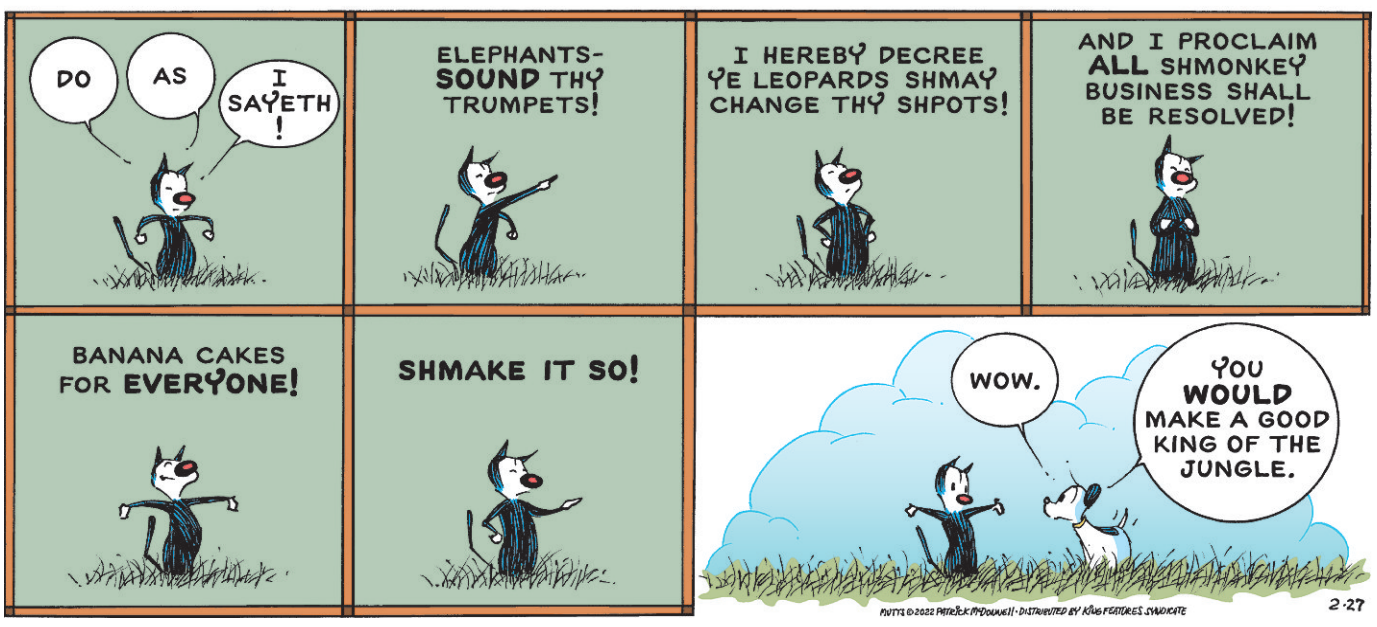
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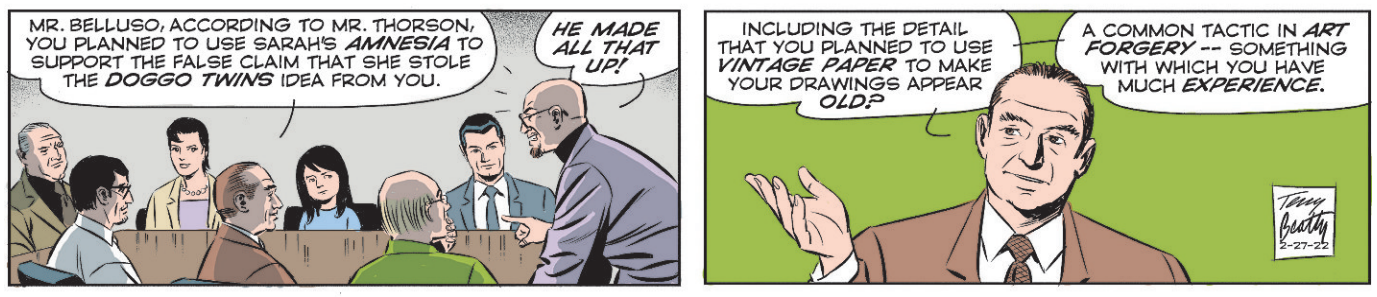
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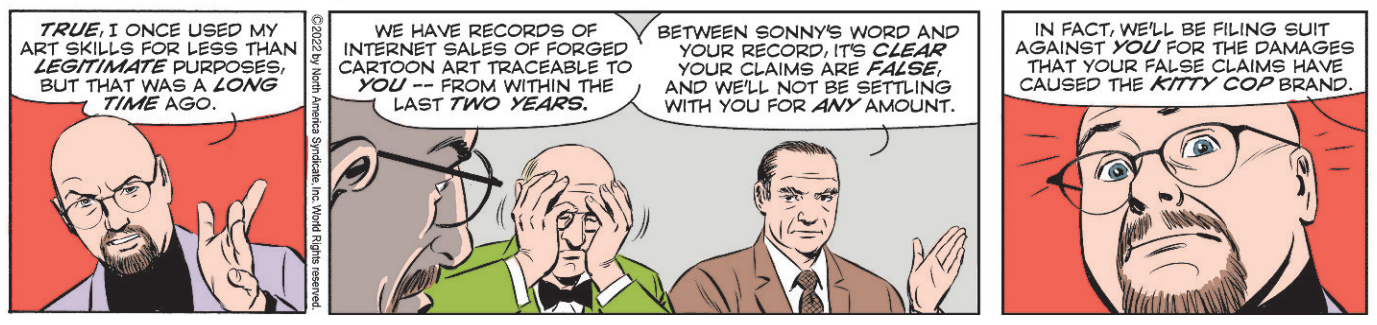
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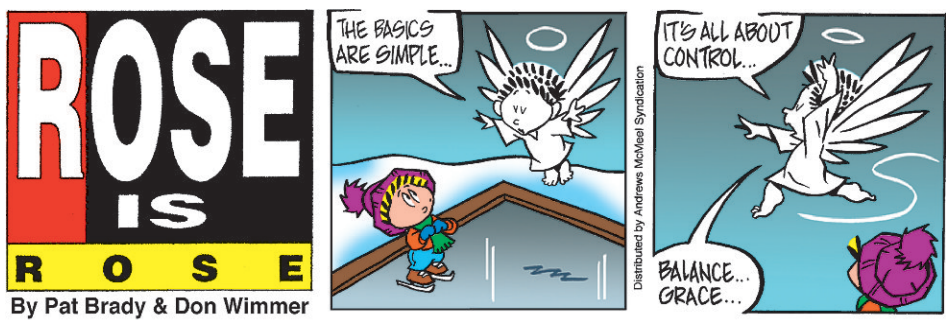
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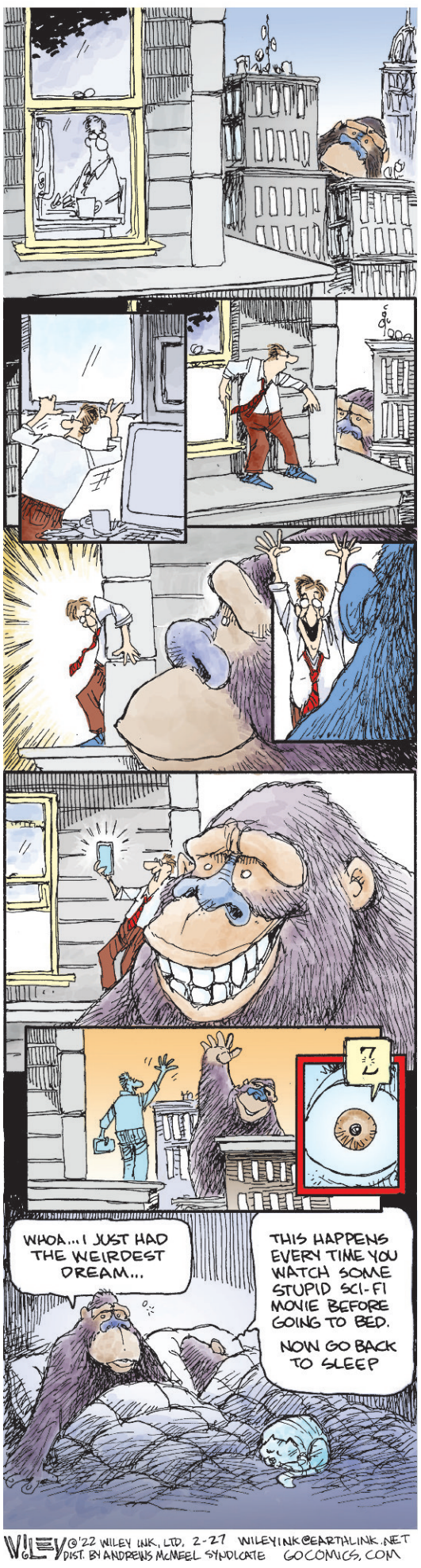
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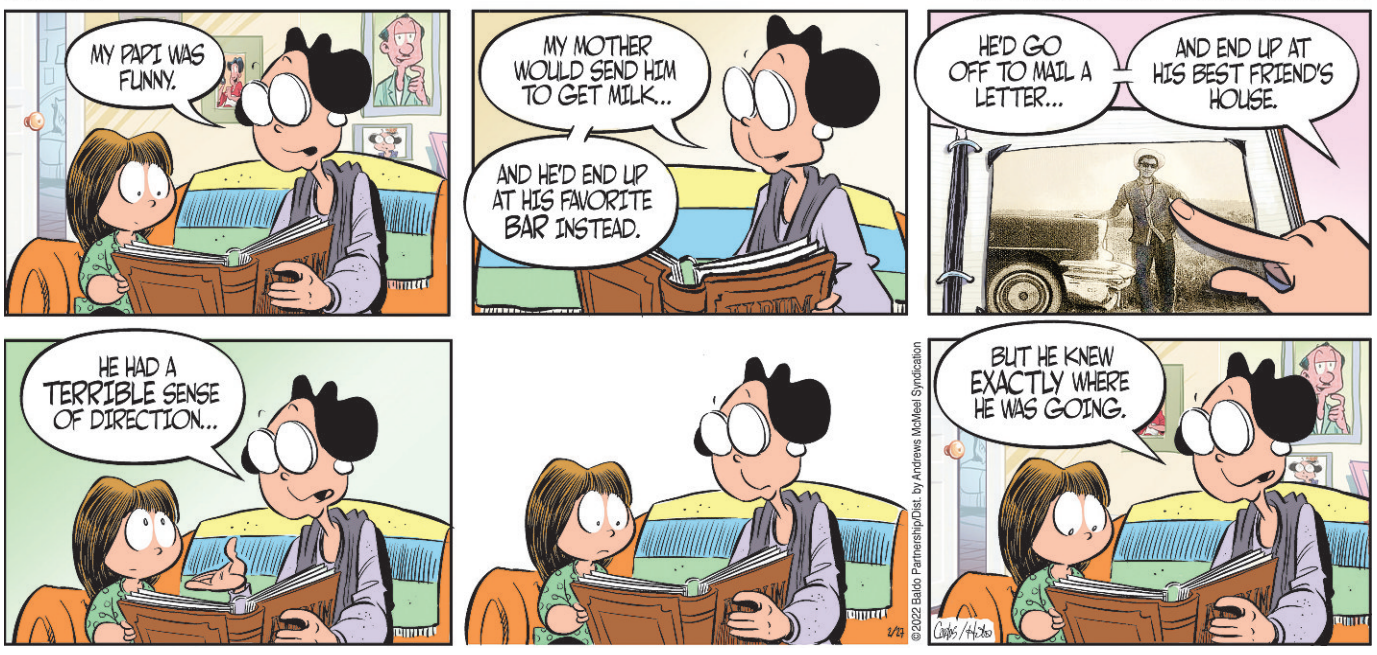
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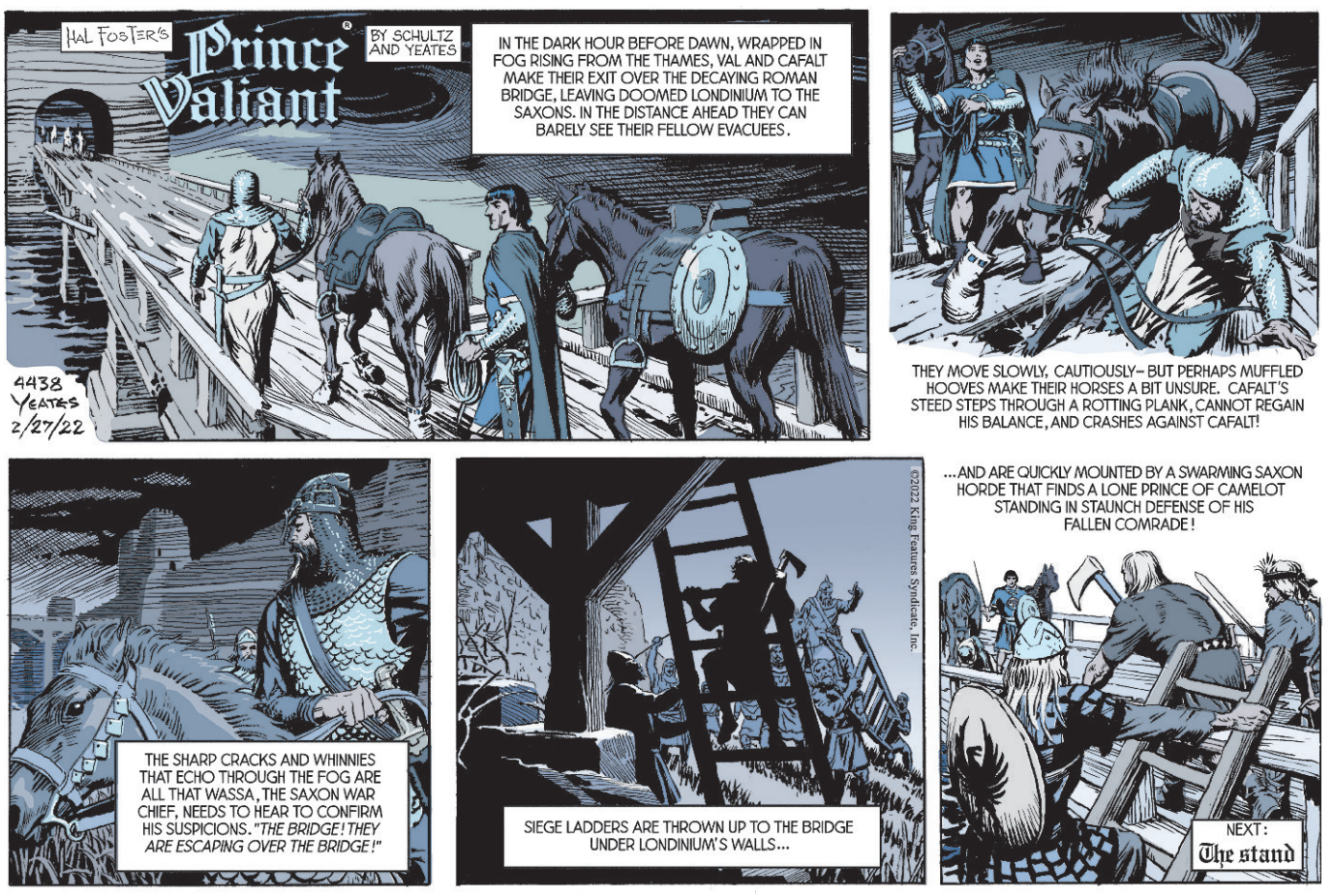


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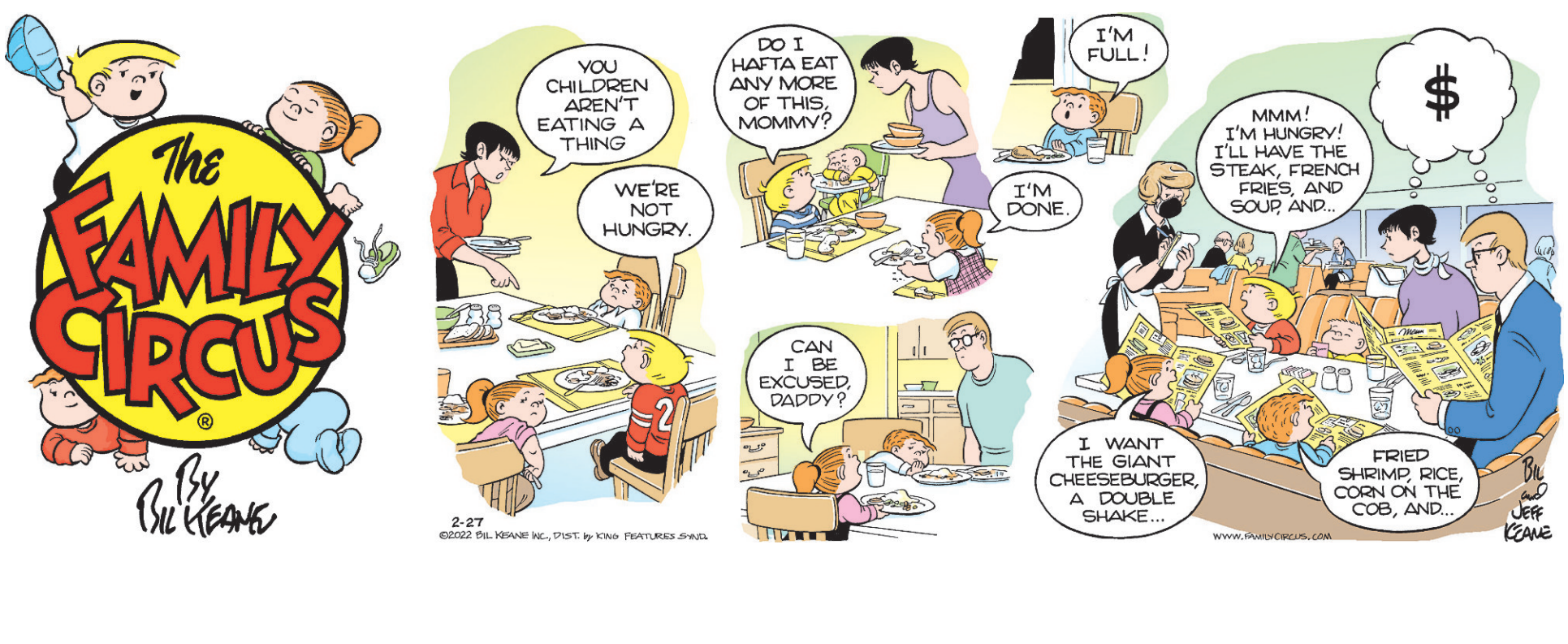


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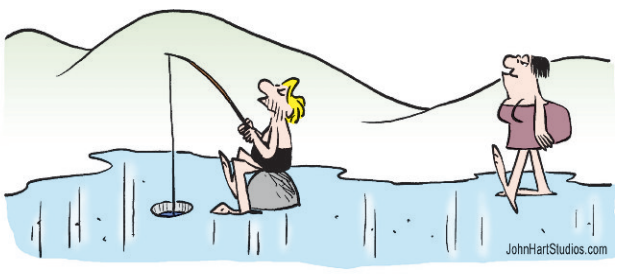


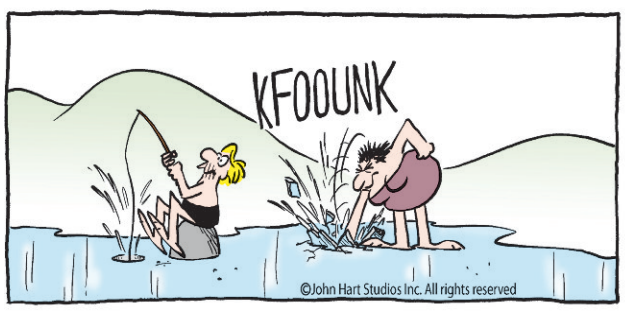
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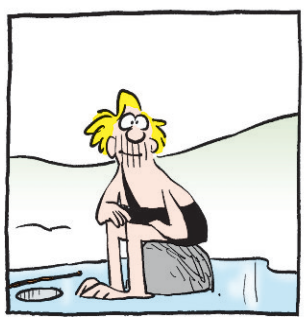


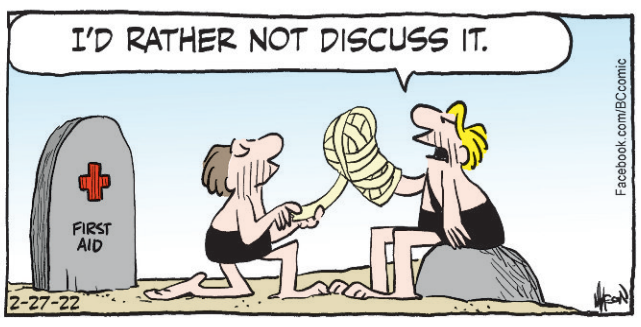








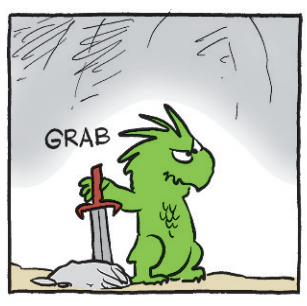










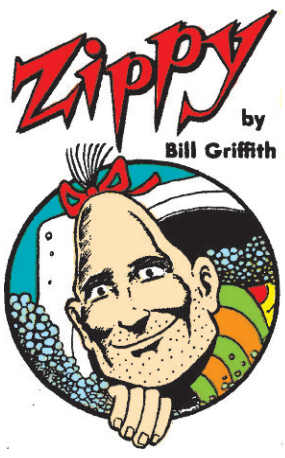


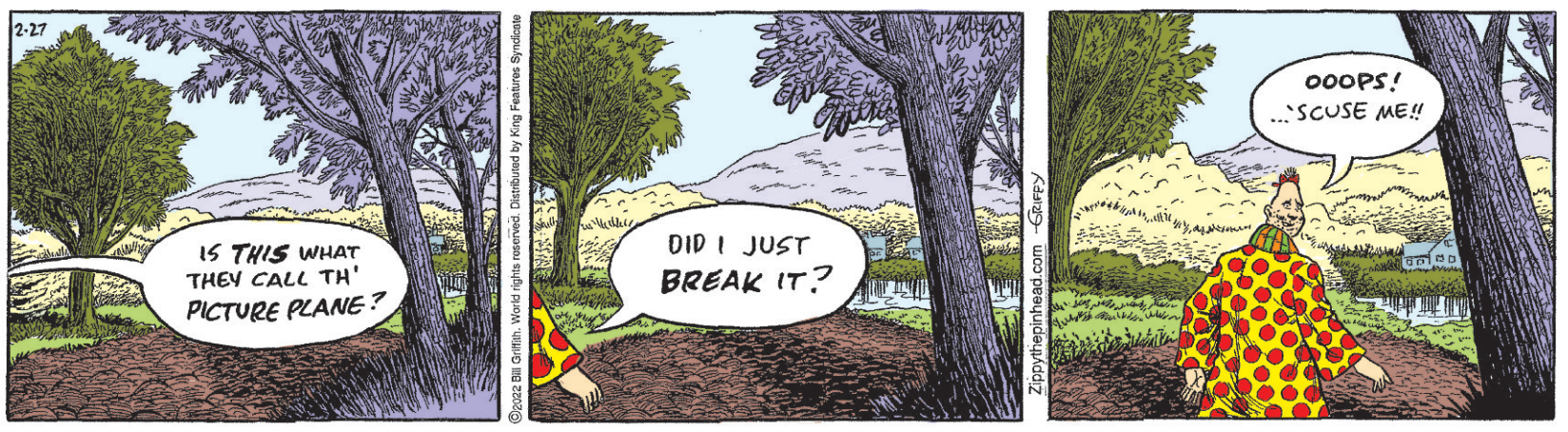


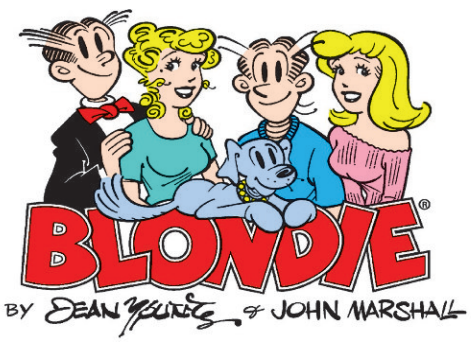






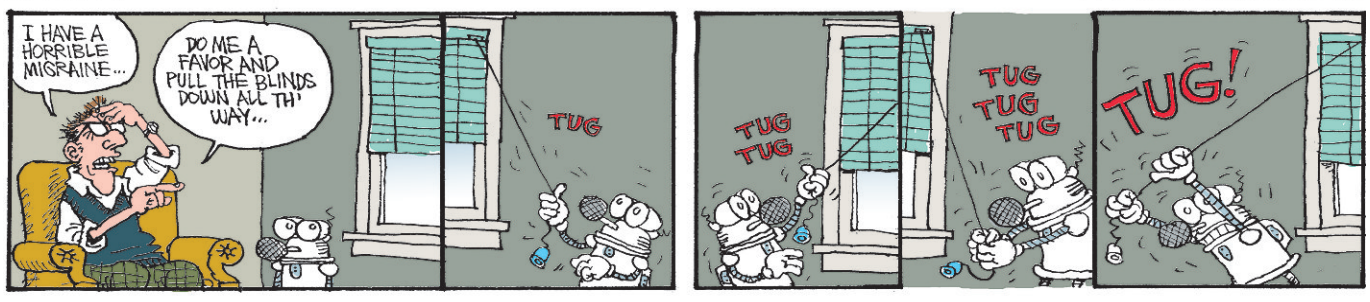


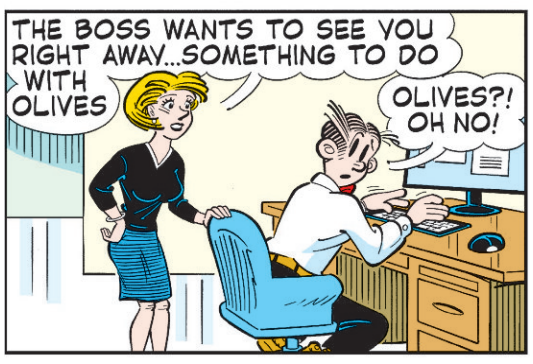


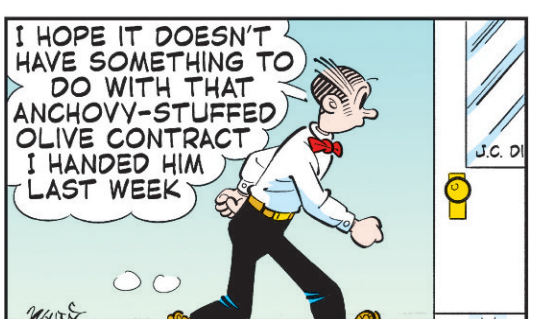


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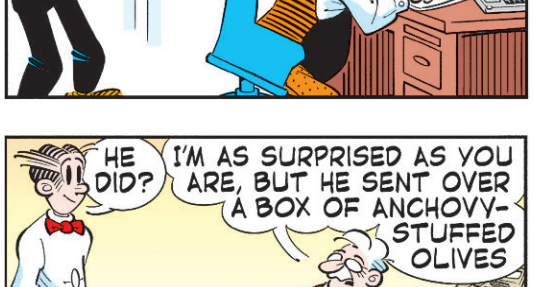




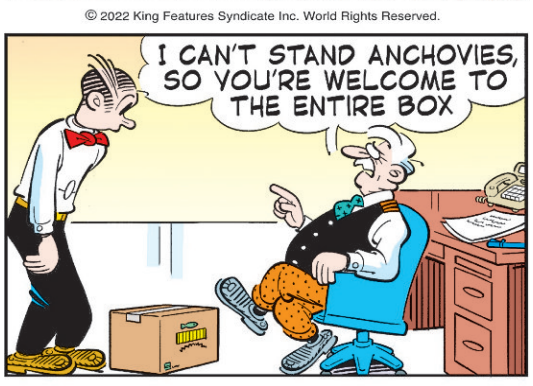


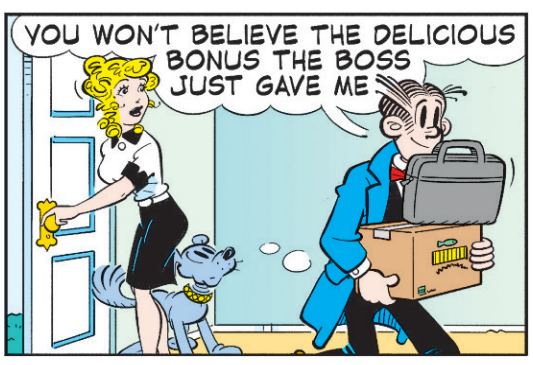
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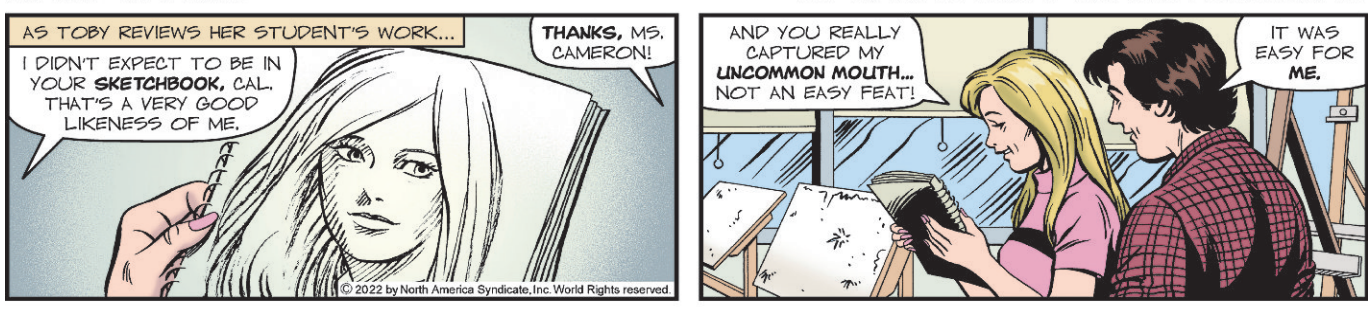
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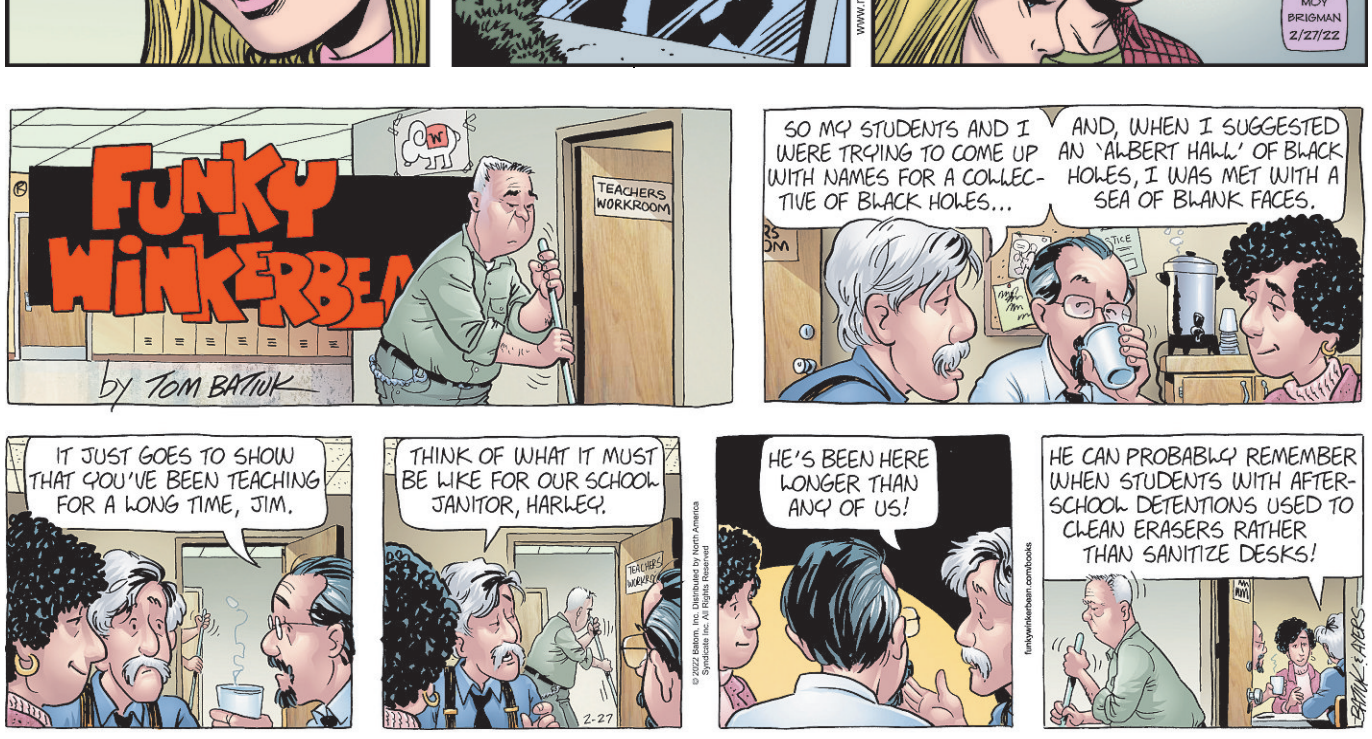




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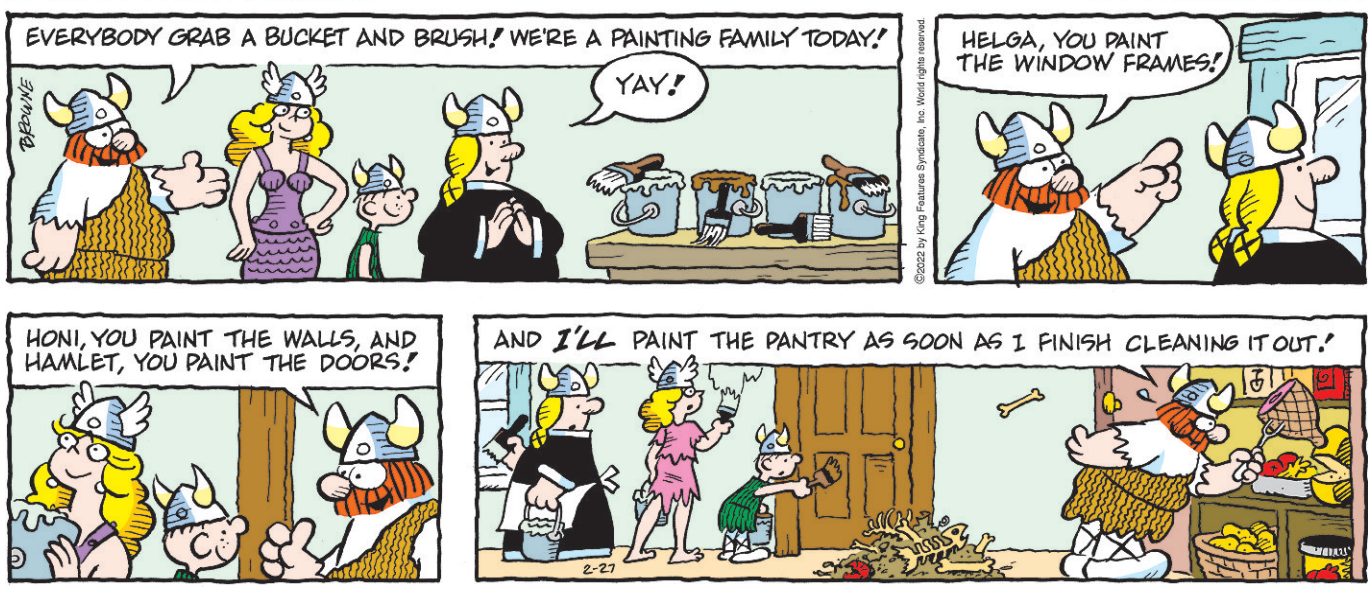
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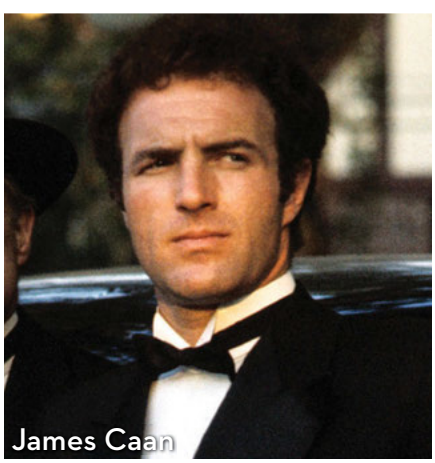

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The Godfather Turns 50

How a Mafia movie became a pop culture hit and launched a new generation of stars


James Caan


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WALTER SCOTT ASKS...

GUY FIERI

The *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives* host, 54, returns for season three of his bracket-style culinary competition *Tournament of Champions* (Feb. 27 on the Food Network). The new season doubles the number of chefs from 16 to 32 as they face the randomizer, a wheel-like apparatus that determines ingredients and rules for each sudden-death cooking battle. Contestants vie for $100,000, the biggest prize in Food Network history.



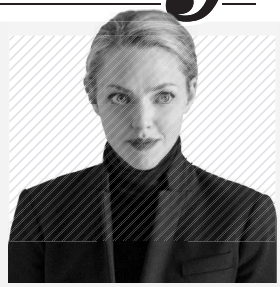
Where did you get the inspiration for *TOC*? Five years ago, what I saw was a lot of my friends, great chefs, weren't necessarily getting the platform and recognition for how great they are—and not just as chefs, but as people and as competitors.

What makes the show different from other food-competition shows? It's blind tasting, and no other competition has that where the judges don't know who's competing and the competitors don't know who's judging. So it's cook your best dish, put it on the plate and it's out of your hands.

Is one of the best parts of your flagship series, *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives*, knowing how it helps the restaurants you visit? It has put such a positive spotlight on people who are so deserving. I call *Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives* the restaurant lottery; when you get it and it hits, be prepared. I tell folks all the time, "There's nothing worse than to attract all this attention, have all these folks come and then you're not going to offer the pastrami pizza." So we don't let them give us things to try on the show that are only available at limited times.

You raised $25 million to assist restaurant workers through the pandemic. Are you still fundraising? I have the Guy Fieri Foundation; we've been raising money to do what we call charitable feedings. We did 5,500 meals for Thanksgiving. We just recently fed 1,000 veterans at a veterans' home. We are continuing to raise money and awareness to areas I think need focus and attention.

WHAT CAREER ADVICE DID HE GIVE HIS TEENAGE SON? GO TO *PARADE.COM/FIERI* TO FIND OUT.



AMANDA SEYFRIED DROPS OUT

Seyfried stars in ***The Dropout*** (March 3 on Hulu), about the rise and fall of biotechnology entrepreneur Elizabeth Holmes, who dropped out of Stanford to launch her health technology company, Theranos. Holmes was the world's youngest self-made female billionaire but lost it all when she was convicted of defrauding investors. "I wanted to explore where she came from and how and why she got where she is," says Seyfried, 36, whose résumé includes the movies *Les Misérables*, *Mean Girls*, *Mama Mia!* and *Mank*, as well as TV's *Big Love* and *Veronica Mars*. "Elizabeth's story is as complicated as anything."



BATMAN IS BACK!

The caped crusader returns to Gotham when *Twilight* star **Robert Pattinson**, 35, becomes the next actor to don the famous batsuit in *The Batman* (in theaters March 4). Here's a look at other actors who've played pop culture's iconic Dark Knight (aka Bruce Wayne).



‹ **Michael Keaton:** *Batman* (1989), *Batman Returns* (1992)

Will Arnett: *The Lego Movie* (2014), *The Lego Batman Movie* (2017), *The Lego Movie 2: The Second Part* (2019)



› **George Clooney:** *Batman & Robin* (1997)

› **Ben Affleck:** *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice* (2016), *Suicide Squad* (2016), *Justice League* (2017)





‹ **Christian Bale:** *Batman Begins* (2005), *The Dark Knight* (2008), *The Dark Knight Rises* (2012)



› **Adam West:** *Batman* TV series (1966–68)

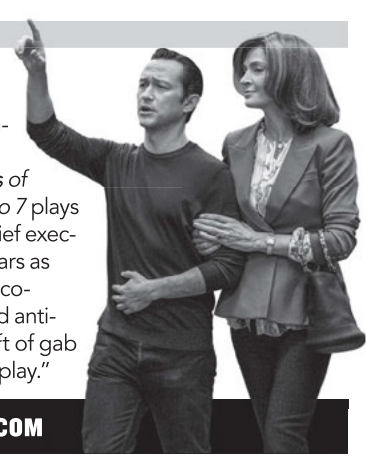


Val Kilmer: *Batman Forever* (1995)

‹ **David Mazouz:** *Gotham* TV series (2014–19)

THE TRUTH ABOUT UBER

Joseph Gordon-Levitt, 41, is pumped for his new role in ***Super Pumped: The Battle for Uber*** (Feb. 27 on Showtime), about the contentious true-story roots of the groundbreaking transportation company. The star of *500 Days of Summer*, *Inception* and *The Trial of the Chicago 7* plays Travis Kalanick, the co-founder and former chief executive officer of Uber. **Uma Thurman**, 51, co-stars as Uber board member Arianna Huffington, the co-founder of *The Huffington Post*. "I love a good anti-hero," says Gordon-Levitt. "Slick hair plus gift of gab plus questionable ethics equals fun as hell to play."



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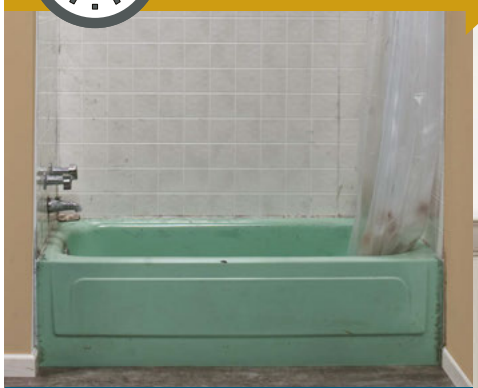
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Here's Lucy! And Desi!



With the new documentary ***Lucy and Desi*** (March 4 on Amazon Prime Video), **Amy Poehler** makes her directorial debut exploring the professional and personal relationship of sitcom icons Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz. "We wanted to shape the film through the lens of their love story," says Poehler, who used home recordings, intimate interviews (**Carol Burnett**! Bette Midler!) and access to rare archival footage to illustrate a relationship as inspiring as the body of work it produced. Here's more from Poehler about the beloved *I Love Lucy* stars. —*Megan O'Neill Melle*





What are Lucille Ball's greatest contributions to show business? Lucille was a believer in hard work and telling the truth. She was not afraid to speak her mind or take big swings. But perhaps her biggest contribution was that by being so funny and such a powerful figure, she represented a space and place for women. Both she and Desi truly lived the idea that representation matters and if you can see it, you can be it.



What were you surprised to learn about Lucy and Desi? You're reminded what real skill and hard work looks like. They are two giant talents who became famous after years of honing their craft, and you really see two people who are peaking at the same time. The personal stories and personal motivations were the true discoveries.

How did you approach their story differently than other films have? We wanted to show the long arc of their lives told through the lens of their relationship and how, just like their show, they teach us about rupture and repair. They were innovators and icons but also very human and complicated artists who had a very public life. We also wanted to let them tell us in their own words, and so we hear from Lucy and Desi themselves through archives and voice-overs to truly bring them back to life.

What was it like diving into their archives? I got to laugh every day. The whole process was a wonderful place to live for the past couple of years. The producers and entire team were a delight, and it was a pleasure to work with [Ball and Arnaz's daughter] Lucie Arnaz Luckinbill.

Visit ***Parade.com/lucy*** for the 10 funniest *I Love Lucy* scenes.

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Hair Loss Reversed? Clinical Trial Reawakens Hair Follicles in Both Men and Women

New clinical trial from the University of California shows 74% more hair in 12 weeks

Thousands are rushing to get a new hair restoration method based on surprising new studies from the University of California.

It is the world's first and only hair loss solution that revives dead hair follicles. And studies confirm it helps men and women regrow a thick, full head of hair, even after years of balding.

Now, with news of this breakthrough spreading like wildfire — the manufacturers are struggling to keep up with overwhelming demand.

That's because, unlike other methods, it is prescription-free, drug-free, and has no side effects. And while hair transplants can cost $4,000 or more, this new approach costs pennies on the dollar and doesn't involve going to the doctor's office.

Instead, it leverages cutting-edge technology to prevent hair loss, fill-in embarrassing bald spots, and renourish thinning hair — with results you can see and feel in 30 days or less.

As Jeanne F. from San Diego, CA reports: *"When my husband began to use this product, all he had on top of his head was fuzz. His hair began to grow after 30 days and now it is about 2 to 3 inches long!"*

Surprising Truth About Hair Loss

It is commonly believed that hair loss is hereditary.

Unfortunately, most people think there is nothing they can do to stop it. However, while many doctors will tell you that thinning hair, a receding hairline, and bald spots are due to your genetics, this is not the whole story.

"While genetics play a role, it's not the main reason you lose hair," says Dr. Al Sears, the nation's top anti-aging doctor. "And surprisingly it's not just your age, thyroid, hormones, stress, or a vitamin deficiency, either."

The latest scientific research reveals that hair loss is primarily caused by the stem cells in your hair follicles dying.

"This discovery is a true breakthrough because by reviving these stem cells on your scalp, you can stop hair loss dead in its tracks and trigger new hair growth, even in areas that have been thinning for years," explains Dr. Sears.

Now, at his world-famous clinic, the Sears Institute for Anti-Aging Medicine in Palm Beach, Florida, Dr. Sears and his team have used this game-changing discovery to develop a brand-new hair restoration formula that is taking the country by storm.

Sold under the name ***Re-Nourish***, it is flying off the shelves with men and women of all ages raving about the results it delivers.

"I have seen a significant improvement in hair growth. Previously, you could see thinning areas at the back of my head and now hair has grown over it," says Peter W. from Ontario, Canada.

And Susan D. from Fort Pierce, Florida reports, *"My hair was thinning. So, I began to use Re-Nourish every day on the front part of my scalp. Now I have thicker hair."*

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The Godfather Turns 50

(From left) Diane Keaton, Robert De Niro (Vito in *The Godfather: Part II*), Robert Duvall, Francis Ford Coppola, James Caan, Al Pacino and Talia Shire in 2017

Here's an offer you can't refuse: Join us in celebrating the most iconic Mafia movie of all time as it marks its half-century milestone.

By Mara Reinstein

The cast is all wrong. The tone is too somber. It needs to be shorter. And does it *have* to be set in the 1940s?

These were just some of the complaints from Paramount Pictures executives during the troubled production of *The Godfather*—an adaptation of the Mario Puzo gangster novel about a powerful Italian American family that ascends to the top of New York City's Mafia—as it lumbered toward its theatrical release in March 1972.

Director Francis Ford Coppola, who had co-written the big war biopic *Patton*, landed the coveted position of director after Elia Kazan (*On the Waterfront*) and Arthur Penn (*Bonnie and Clyde*) turned it down. But his job was on shaky ground even after the cameras started to roll.

"There were [directors] standing to the side ready to take over," says actress Talia Shire, who played Don Vito Corleone's only daughter, Connie. "Can you imagine?!"

Al Pacino, a breakout in the large cast, who portrayed Vito's youngest son, Michael, recalls: "It was a great script. But we didn't know what filmmaking was, really."

Today Coppola's *The Godfather* is considered a true cinematic masterpiece and a pop culture touchstone. It grossed $136 million in all, surpassed at the time by only *Gone With the Wind* and *The Sound of Music*. Adjusted for inflation, that's $711 million, making it the 26th highest-grossing film of all time.

"The movie is extraordinary on every single level, from the performances to the musical cues to the language," says Shire. "Time doesn't tick for it." Here, we salute the remarkable history and legacy of the most monumental mobster film ever made.

A Family Affair

Director Francis Ford Coppola didn't just cast his sister, Talia Shire, in the movie. Their father, Carmine, composed music for



the soundtrack. And Michael and Kay's baby boy in the baptism scene was the director's daughter, **Sofia Coppola**, who grew up to appear in the sequels (in other roles) and has become a renowned writer and director herself. Her brothers, Roman and Gian-Carlo, also had small background roles.

That Cat

It was a stray that Coppola told Brando to improvise with.



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Where Are They Now?



Al Pacino The New York City–born actor, who starred in all three *Godfather* movies, has memorably portrayed intense characters on both sides of the law in films such as *Dog Day Afternoon* (1975), *Scarface* (1983), *Heat* (1995) and *The Irishman* (2019). Still in demand at age 81, he most recently co-starred in *House of Gucci*.



Marlon Brando The mercurial star—who made an explosive debut in the 1950s in *A Streetcar Named Desire* and *On the Waterfront*—refused to appear in *The Godfather: Part II*. But he agreed to pull off a tongue-in-cheek version of a Godfather-like mob boss in the 1990 comedy *The Freshman*. He died in 2004 at age 80.



James Caan He auditioned for the role of Michael before Coppola chose him for brash older brother Sonny. Now 81, Caan has stayed busy during the later decades, with more than 90 film and TV credits—most notably in the 2003 holiday classic *Elf*.



Robert Duvall Since his film debut as Boo Radley in *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1962), Duvall—who played the Corleones' legal consultant, Tom Hagen—has racked up seven Oscar nominations, including for *The Judge* in 2015. (He won in 1984 for *Tender Mercies*.) The actor, now 91, is also a skilled tango dancer.



Talia Shire After playing the abused wife in *The Godfather*, the actress was the ever-supportive Adrian in *Rocky*. Shire, now 75, reprised the role in *Rocky*'s four sequels and appeared in other films, including *I Heart Huckabees* (2004) and *Palo Alto* (2013).



Diane Keaton Now 76, Keaton played wife Kay in all three *Godfather* movies and established herself as one of Hollywood's premier comedic actresses in films such as *Annie Hall* (1977), *Baby Boom* (1987) and *The First Wives Club* (1996). Her latest charmers? *Poms* (2019) and *Love, Weddings & Other Disasters* (2020).



John Cazale The Boston native, memorable as Fredo in two *Godfather* films, went on to other memorable performances in *The Conversation* (1974) and *Dog Day Afternoon* (1975). He died of cancer at 42 after completing his role for *The Deer Hunter* (1978). He was in a relationship with his *Deer Hunter* co-star Meryl Streep at the time.

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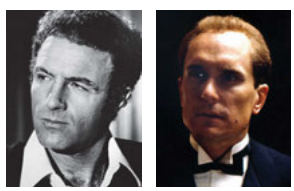
No Marlon Brando?

Imagine **Burt Lancaster**, **Laurence Olivier** or **Anthony Quinn** as crime boss Don Vito Corleone. Those were the actors that Paramount preferred.

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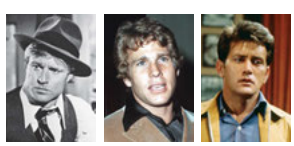
That's what it cost to do Sonny's tollboth death scene (all those bullets!).





Hijinx on Set

Caan and **Duvall**, initially intimidated by the legendary Brando, broke the ice on set by dropping their pants and mooning him. "He made me!" Caan says of Duvall. Brando upstaged them by dropping his own trousers while the crew was setting up the wedding photo scene.



A Blond Michael?

The studio floated **Robert Redford** and **Ryan O'Neal** for the role of the youngest Corleone brother. **Martin Sheen** also auditioned.

Talia Tells All



"I love the movie because it's a very Shakespearean drama," says Talia Shire, who played Connie Corleone in all three films. The actress shares her memories.

Did you have to audition, or did Coppola, your brother, just cast you? The first time I asked him to audition, he said, "No, no, no." Then about a month later, [author] Mario Puzo said [to Coppola], "Why not just audition her?" I remember flying to New York and doing the scene where Connie gets beaten up. I could hear Francis crying behind me.

What did you think of the Connie character? She takes a lot of abuse in the first movie. She interested me because she was somebody who stays in the kitchen. I knew I could find my way in there. But look what happens to her: She marries a guy who murders her brother, and he gets murdered by another brother. She can't be a total weepy character, but she's the agent of a kind of female victimhood. She changes a lot by the third movie.

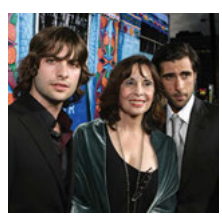


What was Marlon Brando like on the set? He was a breathtaking man and brought tremendous elegance to the character. Look at the way he dances with me in that wedding scene. But what I found was that he was also incredibly charismatic, generous and disciplined. He really wanted you to be great in a scene.

Did you have a siblinglike relationship with the actors who played your brothers? Yes, yes. And John Cazale needs to be highlighted because he was so joyous, and that joy was infectious. He was what I would call a great acting partner.

Do you stay in touch with the cast? I am a shy person and don't live in a big world. But I love Diane. And when I see Al, of course, he's [still] my brother. Also with Jimmy. It's a kinship.

How often do you watch the movie? There was a 45th anniversary screening at Radio City Music Hall [in 2017]. I made sure my [three] kids were there because they needed to see it that way. And Francis sat behind me. But I don't see it too much on television.



Will the Coppolas do something special to mark the milestone? I don't know. All the family members are involved in writing and doing and creating, so we come together anyway. My children [**Robert Schwartzman**, 39; **Jason Schwartzman**, 41; and Matthew Orlando Shire, 46] spent a huge amount of time during this pandemic up with Francis in Napa [California]. We're always interested in the next creative thing. We can't help ourselves.

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That Bloody Horse Head



Discovered in the bed of the ruthless movie producer, it wasn't a prop: It was a real horse's head from a dog food plant in New Jersey.

The Godfather in Pop Culture

Return of the Jedi (1983) It's no coincidence that Princess Leia kills Jabba the Hutt by strangling him with her chain. Screenwriter Lawrence Kasdan was inspired by Luca Brasi, whose eyes and tongue bulge out as he's garroted by an assassin.



You've Got Mail (1998) Doing his best Vito impression, Tom Hanks insists that life's problems can be solved by one of *The Godfather*'s credos, telling Meg Ryan to "go to the mattresses," to fight for her business to stay open.

The Sopranos (1999) The TV series made several references to the original mob family, like when Tony Soprano (James Gandolfini) gets shot after chugging orange juice near his car.



Despicable Me (2010) Even this G-rated kiddie movie includes a nod: Villain Gru (Steve Carell) finds a doll's head in his bed and screams bloody murder.



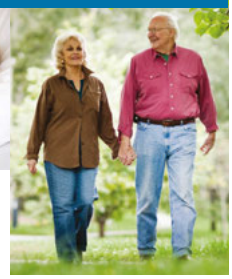
Which character said, "Luca Brasi sleeps with the fishes"? Go to ***Parade.com/godfather*** for this famous quote and many more.

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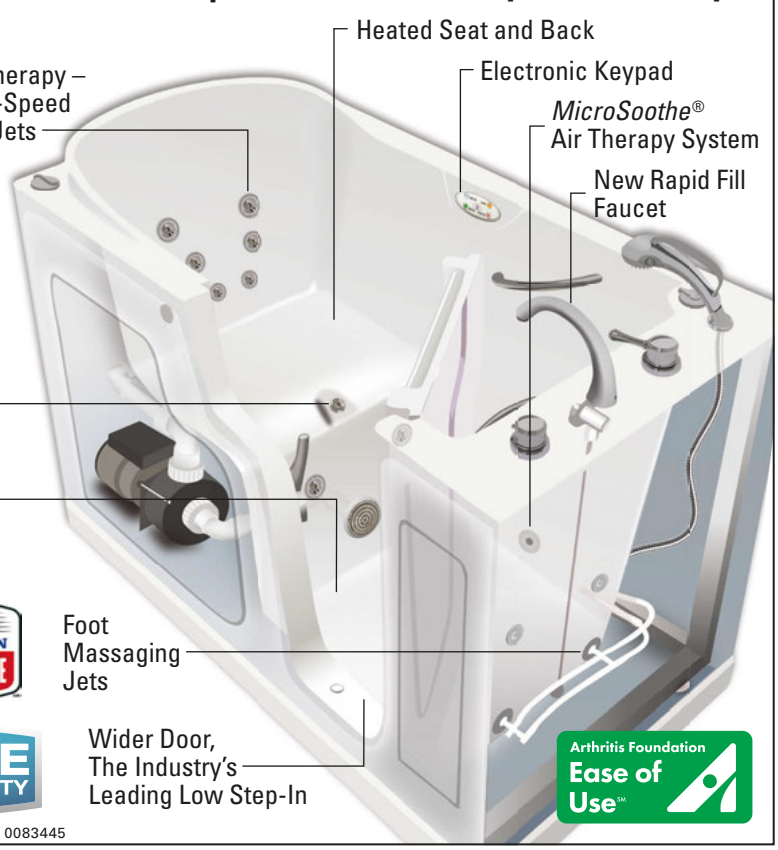
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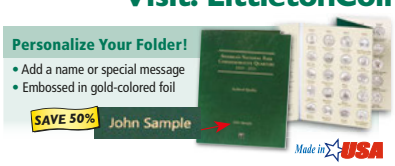
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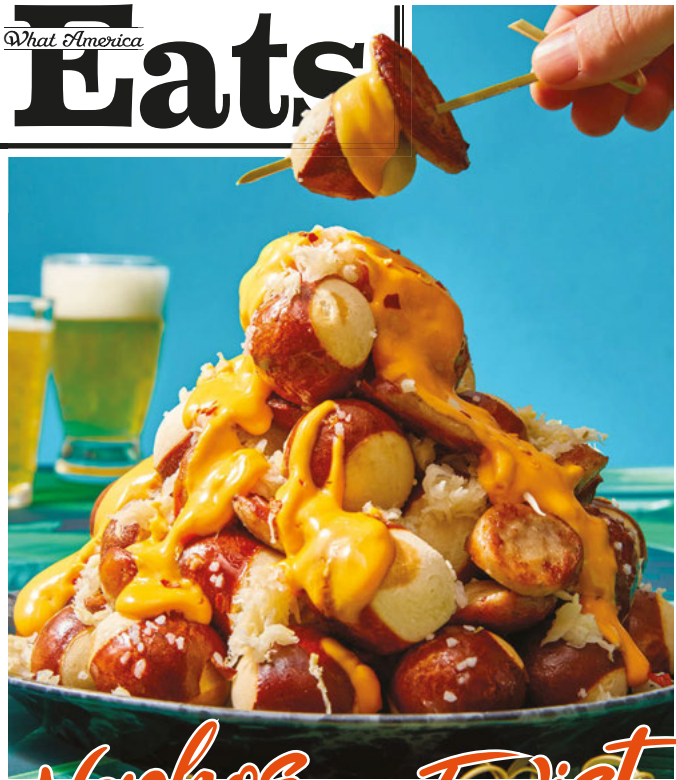
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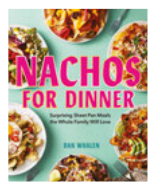
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Pretzel Bratchos

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Remove pretzels and brats from oven; arrange on a serving platter. Drizzle with cheese sauce. Top with 1½ cups **sauerkraut**, drained. Serve hot with toothpicks. **Serves 4–8**.

Head to ***Parade.com/nachos*** for Whalen's nachos recipe inspired by Mexican street corn.

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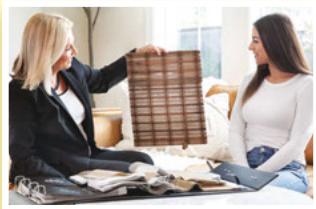
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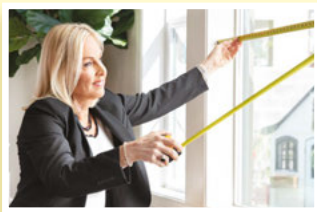
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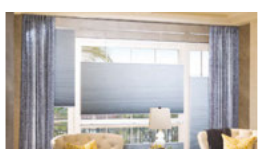
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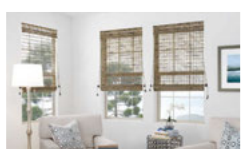


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